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ELECTION CANDIDATES COMING TO COWBRIDGE

THE first hustings of the May general election will take place next Monday, March 9, at 8pm in the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge, although the subject for debate will be limited to fracking.

The Vale's parliamentary candidates, Alan Armstrong (Green), Alun Cairns (Conservative), Chris Elmore (Labour), Ian Johnson (Plaid Cymru),

Kevin Mahoney (UKIP) and a representative from the Liberal Democrats will answer questions on the controversial issue of fracking. Chairing the discussion will be local TV presenter and broadcaster, Angharad Mair.

The event has been organised by Llantrithyd Residents' Association, a group that has been campaigning against fracking ever since plans for gas drilling in a field adjacent to the village were revealed.

Two other sites in the

Vale have been approved for test drilling for shale gas.

Sian Elin Jones, chair of Llantrithyd Residents' Association, said: "Fracking has become a high profile issue locally, as the political candidates have discovered in their canvassing."

"There have been significant developments on the fracking front in recent months. The UK government passed the Infrastructure Bill to allow drilling for shale gas to go ahead under people's homes, but the Welsh Assembly shortly afterwards passed a motion to freeze fracking in Wales until it has been proven safe."

"A Question of Fracking will give us an insight into the views and policies of each party and parliamentary candidate regarding fracking."

Questions for the panel may be submitted to the following email: villagersagainstdrilling@gmail.com.

RIGHT:
Cowbridge Comprehensive School have had a busy few weeks in the sporting world, with the year-8 netball team (pictured) among others in action. Turn to page 6 to find out how all their sports teams fared.



ROYAL MAIL TELLS OFF BUSINESSMAN 'Frankly Sam, you can't put letters in our post box!'

A COWBRIDGE businessman is angry after being told off by the Royal Mail for posting letters in the town's post box, writes PHILIP IRWIN.

Because Sam Smith, of Sam Smith Travel, uses the Royal Mail's franking service, last week he received a letter telling him to "ensure that your franked mail is posted at your local Post Office".

The letter, from the Franking Administration Team, said that he had been contacted previously about this, but "It has been noted that this occurred again on 24/02/2015".

What is missing from the letter is any acknowledgement that the Cowbridge Post Office closed almost a year ago (on April 23, 2014)!

Sam Smith told The GEM: "Ever since

the town's Post Office closed, we have had no choice but to use the post box.

"It's only since the closure that you realise that the town has only one postbox that I know of. In the run up to Christmas, we used to have to get items in the post by 11am, because the box would be full by noon!"

He said that as a travel agent, he sent out a lot of mail, and that the closure of the post office had already cost the Royal Mail a significant sum.

He explained: "On average, every day we send out about 10 special delivery envelopes, in addition to our franked mail."

"We had to place that business with a courier service instead, so the lack of a post office has cost the Royal Mail money, and caused businesses a great deal of inconvenience."

Mr Smith has written to the Royal Mail,

reminding them that the nearest post office is 15 to 20 minutes away.

In his reply, he said: "Perhaps Royal Mail is unaware that Cowbridge does not have a post office."

"Indeed, it was closed last year and, despite massive inconvenience to local businesses and residents, we still do not have a post office to serve this community."

His letter concluded: "The obvious answer is to install a post office but there seems to be a lack of will on your part to do that so, unless you do, may I suggest that you allow franked mail to be placed in the only pillar box in town, as there is obviously no alternative."

The GEM approached the Royal Mail for a comment but, at the time of going to press, one had not been received.

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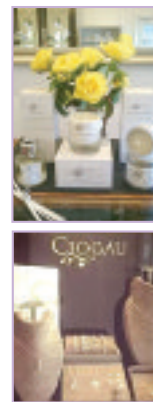
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What sort of life outside Europe?

HERE we go again! EM Grier of Porthcawl (GEM letters) believes that many of our problems could be solved by pulling out of Europe.

The writer states that the EU costs us £50 million per day. This is less than the £55 million a day which Mr Farage alleges it costs. Even at £50 million, this amounts to £17.25 billion each year.

However, the net cost of membership is between £2 – £3 billion which, while still significant, is nowhere near enough to address the problems.

At whatever level this debate is conducted, I've never yet seen anything from anti-EU writers to describe exactly what we would do after we left.

We get nonsense such

as we could be like Norway or Switzerland, with no details of how this would work (because both of those countries have to dance to the EU's tune).

Or we could trade with our friends in the Commonwealth like we used to, again without stating how this would be achieved.

Or that we could develop independent trade relationships with third world countries to replace what we would lose by leaving Europe.

If anyone believes that leaving the largest trading structure in the world would be penalty-free they are living in cloud-cuckoo land.

Please, all you EU-phobes, regale us with your wisdom about how we would exist outside the EU before you campaign to get us out. **David Kennett, Barry.**

'Man of the people'

I WAS saddened to read of Coun Bertin's so-called 'boob': a momentary lack of judgement, followed by a removal of offending material and a sincere apology, makes Coun Bertin a decent man.

I read The GEM every week and there is rarely an issue that does not mention his work.

He seems to me to be a voice for the people of Barry. From memory, I can recall he has campaigned for safer road crossings, Barry

Island access and regeneration, and spoken about the rise of food banks in our community.

There is more, I am sure. He is a man of the people, and like us all, he has made mistakes.

I wonder if taxpayers' money was used to fund the stage-3 hearing – and if so, how this money could have been better spent?

Since he admitted his guilt and issued an apology, was it necessary?

Please don't be disheartened, Coun Bertin, and don't let the bureaucrats grind you down.

Tanya Chin, Barry.

Remembering the Arsenal

I WAS pleased to see a report and photograph of the Bridgend Arsenal in The GEM on February 19.

The munitions workers are a forgotten army and hardly ever get a mention, although in the celebrations last autumn, Huw Edwards spoke of them on TV.

I worked in TNT and CE gunpowder for two years during the war.

We were able to go 'off contact' for a week occasionally, to recover from breathing in the powder.

It was quite dangerous work; many people lost fingers and their lives in explosions.

I was also conscripted to do night duty in the local fire station.

I look forward to seeing more about the ROF in future GEMs. **Mrs Cecilia Pickering, Pencoed.**

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'Affordable housing part of long-term rural plan'



Old Station Yard, St Athan (development image).

I WRITE in response to a number of letters sent to The GEM in recent weeks regarding affordable housing in rural communities.

It is good to hear positive responses from residents, as the housing department actively promotes the supply of affordable housing, both for rent and low-cost home ownership across the Vale.

As contributors have acknowledged, high monthly rents and house prices in the rural Vale are out of the reach of many young people and families. This means they may have to move out of the rural communities they grew up in, work in or where they have family.

We have been concerned for some time about the effect the lack of affordable housing can have on the health of rural communities. When people move away, it can have a negative effect on the viability of local schools, businesses and services.

The council is part of the Welsh Government's Rural Housing Project and employs a dedicated

Rural Housing Enabler (RHE) that works with rural communities to identify housing needs, which can include working households struggling to afford local rents, and first time buyers who are priced out of the market.

Affordable housing can include properties for rent and sale, they are aimed at people who cannot afford a suitable property to rent or buy privately.

It can be delivered by registered social landlords using funding from the Welsh Government and by market house builders, who can deliver affordable housing as part of the planning conditions.

I am pleased to see that many Vale residents understand the need for new affordable housing, particularly in the rural Vale, where there is currently an under-supply.

By providing additional affordable housing in these areas, we are contributing to creating sustainable long-term solutions for rural communities.

Coun Bronwen Brooks (Cabinet member for housing, Vale of Glamorgan Council).

No news of the 10,000 food parcels for needy!

I HAVE received a second 'Vale of Glamorgan Chronicle', which looks like a newspaper, but contains no news.

It has 10 photos of Mr Cairns MP and not much else, but we can read about potholes, ghost bus and black bin bags – and, of course, the long-term UK economic plan

is mentioned three times.

What will never be printed are facts like almost 10,000 food parcels have been handed out in the Vale, over 39,000 in Wales and, in the whole of the UK, over one million.

The UK figure was 41,000 when this Conservative-led coalition came to power. **G Smith, Llantwit Major.**



The Herbets.

'Tale of a gunged-up catalytic converter and good Samaritans coming to my rescue'

I DIDN'T realise that driving your car sedately results in the exhaust system not getting hot enough and that sooner or later, the catalytic converter gets gunged-up (technical term?)

Shortly after that, your engine management system goes haywire.

Apparently this is why my elderly Fiat has died, not once but twice, while driving to work along Park Crescent in Barry.

The first time a kind council worker helped me push start the car; on the second occasion a pretty lady and a strapping gentleman both got out of their cars on a wet and miserable morning to push mine down Park Crescent, thus clearing

the unintentional morning rush hour roadblock I had created.

I've now put some cleaning solution in the fuel tank and also run the car at 4,000 rpm for half an hour to get the system to self clean.

What I have not yet done, is express my heartfelt gratitude to these selfless people who went out of their way to help me and their fellow commuters get on their way.

Please would you print this in your paper in the hope that these kind people can at least get, albeit second hand, the recognition they so rightly deserve...

And, hopefully, a warm snug feeling that they've added to the abundance of Good, in a much-maligned town. **Steve Fitzpatrick, Barry.**

The language of the Britons

I AM proud of the fact that I have two languages. From my post-Roman ancestors I have inherited English, a rich and interesting fusion of invading Germanic languages and dialects with an input of Norman French and other elements.

My other language is Welsh, a language that we in Wales have inherited from the Britons themselves, with an interesting Latin element as a result of being under Roman rule.

If people don't wish to learn or use Welsh, that is their choice.

But how, in all honesty, can those who are antagonistic towards

the language of the Britons (ie Welsh), then think that they can call themselves Britons? What a cheek!

The fact that Welsh has become a minority tongue in Wales is not a reflection on Welsh itself, but is the result of deliberate undermining, and policies of wanton destruction enacted by hostile London Governments over the centuries – against a people who had virtually no power to defend their language.

It is remarkable that Welsh has survived. In truth, we probably should claim billions in restitution from the Westminster government for their misrule. **Niclas ap Glyn, Penarth.**

'Please leave Welsh language alone!'

I N response to a GEM letter asking why we need to learn Welsh, basically it gives roots to the modern world by connecting it to history.

Latin is another language struggling to survive and a very good example of my point of view. The Roman Catholic Church operates primarily in Latin and has a vast archive of material written in the language.

As it is a dying language with fewer people studying it, these archives become harder to access and less open to interpretation.

Welsh is similar: there is a vast repository of material written in Welsh

over the centuries. Not all of it is poetry and music, some are family diaries, others are legal documents.

If the language is lost, then this connection risks being severed and a root of history dies.

I am English and have lived in Wales less than 20 years. I am putting down roots and love the fact that I can travel down those roots and as when I wish.

Language is important. English is a primary language in the modern world, but to think it is the only language, is a foolhardy viewpoint.

Please leave the Welsh language alone! Let it endure, and do not sever the roots of history lightly. Thank you. **Charles Allen, Boverton.**

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MARCH 12)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
05 Thur	06.25	9.4	18.41	9.5
06 Fri	06.57	9.6	19.11	9.7
07 Sat	07.26	9.8	19.42	9.7
08 Sun	07.55	9.6	20.11	9.5
09 Mon	08.24	9.5	20.36	9.3
10 Tues	08.54	9.3	21.08	9.2
11 Wed	09.24	9.1	21.42	8.9
12 Thur	09.59	8.7	22.22	8.5

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BBC tale of Tudor treachery was filmed in the Vale

by PHILIP IRWIN



ABOVE:
The dining hall at St Donat's Castle, where Anne Boleyn's trial was filmed..



Mark Rylance and Claire Foy as Cromwell and Anne Boleyn.

FANS of the BBC adaptation of Hilary Mantel's *Wolf Hall* may be unaware that a number of scenes were shot in the Vale – at St Donat's Castle, the home of UWC Atlantic College.

In fact, one of the most striking scenes of the show, the trial of Anne Boleyn – shot in darkness with hundreds of candles illuminating the scene – was shot in the Bradenstoke Hall, where the students dine.

St Donat's Castle is rarely open to the public, but there will be a chance this Mother's Day to take a tour of the castle and Tudor gardens, and enjoy a cream tea in that dining hall.

A college spokeswoman said: "The dining hall doubled up during the

production as the Legatine Court and as the House of Commons.

"*Wolf Hall* was filmed last summer with cast and crew on site for over a week. It was particularly exciting to see the lead actors, Mark Rylance, Damian Lewis, Bernard Hill and Claire Foy in full Tudor costume strolling around the castle."

She added: "When the trial scene was filmed, there were so many candles used that a fire engine was parked outside in case anything went wrong!"

To book for the Mother's Day cream tea, visit www.stdonats.com or telephone 01446 799100. Tickets are £9.95 per adult and £6.75 per child (under 12 years).

The college will also soon be releasing dates for a series of summer castle tours.

Horse fouling on pavements

IS there an obligation by a horse owner to clear up after their horse, as is the law for dog owners?

Recently, a horse ridden on the pavement outside my house, presumably to avoid traffic on the narrow lane, left a large deposit on the pavement causing an obstruction for buggies and an inconvenience to

pedestrians.

In some cities that I have visited, the horses have a collection bag strapped to them so that the streets are kept clean.

If owners insist on riding on roads and pavements, rather than fields and bridle paths, perhaps they too should collect their waste in a similar fashion.

Robert Evans, Ystradowen.

LITTER FREE COWBRIDGE GROUP

THE Litter-Free Cowbridge group will be meeting on March 13 at 10am at the car park, Cowbridge.

Everyone is welcome. If any areas are needing attention contact Julie Evans (01446 771061). The group is working with Keep Wales Tidy.



Bulb selling in Cowbridge.

BULB A MINUTE BOOSTS CHARITY!

Scout group raises over £500 for Marie Curie Cancer Care

THE Scout group's idea to create a floral memorial area in the Old Hall Gardens proved very popular with the Cowbridge community, and raised an astonishing £570.73 for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

"We took a bit of a gamble when we ordered 200 native Welsh narcissi bulbs from a Tenby grower in October and potted them out, as we had no idea whether we would sell them all," explained Beaver leader Gill Clay.

"But we need not have worried, the support we had was tremendous.

"The stand the Scout group set up outside the Town Hall a few weeks ago was particularly successful," added Cub leader, Iris Simpson.

"A number of local businesses let us put up posters on the day and with coverage in The GEM a few days earlier, we were really busy selling bulbs. We worked out we were selling a bulb for every minute we were outside the Town Hall."

"A lot of Scouts, Cubs,

Beavers and parents turned up in shifts to sell and there was a real party atmosphere. We were particularly delighted that Coun Peter Knapp, the Mayor of Cowbridge, turned up to meet some of the young volunteers and congratulate them on their hard work."

In the end, all the bulbs sold out before the selling deadline. It was then on to the task of planting them out. The Beavers kicked off the process, planting the first few during their weekly meeting; then members of the whole group turned out to plant the remainder of the bulbs on the Thursday of the half term holidays.

"With many children away and atrocious rain on the day, we weren't sure anyone would turn up to help, but the spirit of Scouting (and the promise of hot chocolate and hot dogs) was strong enough to spur on a few keen youngsters," explained Gill.

Holes were dug and lined with the memory slips that donors had completed with the names of people they wanted remembered and then the bulbs planted on top. All of this was under the supervision of Richard Browning from

the Old Hall Garden volunteers group, who then covered the bulbs with netting to deter the inquisitive squirrels that live in the gardens until the bulbs are more established and 'squirrel-proof'.

While the children were planting the bulbs, Coun Knapp and his wife Jo turned up to lend their support. Jo used to be a volunteer helper with the Beavers and so was keenly interested in what the group was doing.

The Mayor formally opened the garden and then Jean Humphries, one of Marie Curie Cancer Care's volunteer support team, received a cheque on behalf of the charity, which has a hospice in Penarth,

thanked the Scouts for their efforts and then blessed the garden in her other capacity as a lay preacher.

"Bu hyn yn gyfle arbennig i'r Sgowntiaid ddefnyddio eu talentau a'u brwdfrydedd i greu rhywbeth y gall pawb rannu a'i fwynhau. Diolch i bawb am gefnogi ein hymdrechion."

"This has been a wonderful opportunity for the Scout group to use their talents and enthusiasm to create something that everyone can share in and enjoy. Thanks to everyone who supported us in our efforts."

ELUNED MORGAN
Beaver section leader

COMMUNITY NEWS

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School eisteddfod
THE children of Llangan school celebrated St David's day a little early, on Friday, February 27.

As always the children were supported by their mums, dads and grandparents who were entertained with traditional Welsh songs and poetry.

Year-6 pupil Nia Davies was crowned Bard with her poem 'Cymni', which told of her time at Llangan School.

I must comment on the smart appearance of the children in their national costumes and it was nice seeing former headteacher Mary Noyes looking so well!

On Tuesday, March 3 Llangan School council was visiting the National Assembly of Wales.

Community council

I HAVE been informed by the secretary of the Llangan Community Council, Jo Howell, that all community groups/charities are able to apply for a 2015 community grant from

the council.

An application form needs to be completed and all forms and supporting documentation must be sent by the end of March to the council clerk.

Forms are available on the council website, or from the clerk on 01446 761107.

Homes needed
A HOMELESS cat arrived at a local garage in Coychurch and within a few days seven kittens were born.

As it was so cold, the owner took them home. If any reader of my column can help to rehomed a kitten, please call Grant on 01656 658166.

Saint's service
THE service which took place on St David's Day at Saron Chapel, Treoes was very well attended.

In the absence of an official cleric, Miss Lorraine West did very well in introducing the hymns and giving an insight into the life of our patron saint, David.

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Local teenager's ambition is to represent Wales in South Africa

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A talented young sportsman from St Richard Gwyn High School is hoping a company or individual will sponsor his dream of representing Wales in the Fencing Commonwealth Games in South Africa this summer.

Jack Cafaro (16), who lives in St Athan, has won a host of national junior titles in 'foil' and 'épée', and this week was thrilled when it was confirmed that he had been selected by his country to compete in Cape Town.

His grandmother Sue explained: "It is the opportunity of a lifetime for Jack."

"He's been selected for Wales thanks to gaining the required competition points, and having the sheer determination, commitment and dedication."

But the trip is not funded by any Welsh body and the cost is £2,600.

Sue said: "We're hoping someone may step forward with sponsorship so he can realise his dream."

Jack joined Llantwit Major Fencing Club and has been coached by Dr Gordon Kingston.

He has won Welsh foil and épée championships at junior level, and been named the Vale's 'Junior Sportsman of the Year'.

At the School Games in Manchester, he won an individual bronze épée and a silver medal for Team Wales épée.

The Fencing Commonwealth Games take place in Cape Town from July 11 to July 17.

If you can help Jack achieve his dream by providing some funding, please contact Sue at: suejones125@gmail.com

What's on at the library

Learn how to access e-books for free from your library service on your tablet, e-reader, or i-pad! Drop-in session on Saturday, March 7, from 10am-12 noon.

Cool Crafts - come and make some cool crafts at the library. For children aged 5 and above, £2 per session; Saturday, March 7 from 10.30am-11.30am.

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Merched Y Wawr get together for St David

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Bu'n fore prysur gyda llond y Neuadd Lai yn mwynhau cymdeithasu mewn awyrgylch braf. Diolch i bawb am eu cefnogaeth. Fe rennir yr elw rhwng Bobath (elusen i blant efo parlys yr ymennydd) a Ty Hapus (gofal seibiant i rai ag Alzheimer)!

ON Saturday, February 28, Mercher y Wawr held their annual St David's Day coffee morning in the Lesser Hall.

It was very busy and very enjoyable. A huge thank you to all who supported us. All proceeds will be shared between Bobath (cerebral palsy in children) and Ty Hapus (Alzheimer's care).

MH

AM's praise

Vale AM Jane Hutt also attended, as did Vale MP Alun Cairns, and the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Peter Knapp, and the Mayoress, his wife Jo.

Jane Hutt said: "I congratulated members of the women's Welsh language group for their support for the charities Ty Hapus and Bobath."



Trust has plans for Cowbridge!

FURTHER improvements to the town are planned by a local charitable trust, and details will be announced next Wednesday, March 11.

The Cowbridge Charter Trust (CCT) is holding its AGM in the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall, next Wednesday, March 11, doors open at 7.10pm.

The meeting is open to non-members who are welcome to attend and there is no entry fee.

As in previous years, the trust meeting will not just be a series of talks from the platform – there will be a great emphasis on interesting visual presentations.

A spokesman said: "Over the last few years, the CCT have made these meetings much more interesting. They have included slide shows, talks, displays and even a short sketch by CADS one year."

He said that the secretary is expected to announce that the trust's request to the Vale Council to extend the 10-year land management agreement in the Old Hall Gardens has been granted and will run until 2029.

At the meeting, there will be an update about the third and newest website www.oldhallgardens.org for those interested in the surprisingly diverse wildlife and other aspects in the gardens.

There will also be a slide show about the importance of the River Thaw to Cowbridge, and this is in support of the trust's latest project, the restoration of the 1911 Bridge Plaque.

Another update concerns the trust's proposal to make the front of the Old Hall more attractive, and bring it closer to the original design.

There will be a slide show entitled 'A Year in the Gardens' with interesting views that visitors will not have seen.

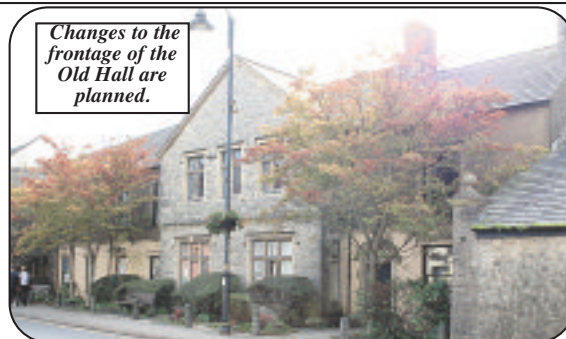
The trust will also take the opportunity to launch their new handbooks produced for children in both English and Welsh. Old Hall Garden Nature Trail and the History Workbook and IOLO TRAIL.

To round off the evening there are tea and cakes to follow, with a chance to talk with the trustees.

Article by Harry Hailes, Trustee.



ABOVE: A new plaque is planned at the bridge over the River Thaw.



Changes to the frontage of the Old Hall are planned.



The trust has produced educational booklets for local children.

'We need to have our bathroom finished!' COUPLE'S PLEA TO COUNCIL AND CONTRACTORS

A couple from Rhoeuse say they are frustrated and depressed that council work to their bungalow hasn't been completed, leaving them without the full use of a bathroom since February 9.

John Piper told The GEM: "A neighbour and a friend in Llanedeyrn have even offered for us to go to their house for a bath or shower, but we want our own bathroom working properly."

John and Margaret Piper had been looking forward to a new bathroom as part of the Vale Council's work of updating properties.

Their difficulties have been exacerbated by the fact that there has been an on-going problem with the drains outside their bungalow.

Mr Piper explained: "In the past, when we've flushed the toilet or run water in the basin, sewage came up into the bath. The smell has been horrible."

Mrs Piper (73) is in ill health and has had two heart operations. She needed a shower installed instead of a bath as part of the re-fit for ease of access.

But a council decision to fit a wet room means the Pipers fear sewage will seep up into the bathroom and out into their hall.

Mr Piper said: "We need a proper shower tray installed, but they

by GEM REPORTER

won't do it. We haven't been able to have a shower or bath since February 20.

"We're frustrated and depressed by the situation. We need this work done urgently."

There has been no hand basin since February 10 when work started.

The sewage problem is caused by the fact that their bungalow is at the end of a 'run'. Pooling in a nearby drain forces waste water back up to their drain and the knock-on effect for the bathroom plumbing.

Last Friday, Lovell the contractors had to cap a pipe in the bathroom because of the overwhelming smell of sewage gas.

Over the years, both the council and Welsh Water have unblocked the drains outside.

Mr Piper added: "We've decided that we don't want the kitchen done after what's happened with the bathroom."

The Pipers say that while they've had no problem with the men who began work in the bathroom, they've been upset by the off-hand attitude to them by council and Lovell representatives.

The head of housing services at the Vale Council, Hayley Selway, said it was working to resolve the problems faced by the Pipers, and emphasised

the wet room was to make life easier for them.

"The council commenced the installation of a wet room to this property as part of the 'Welsh Housing Quality Standard' which will assist the tenants to live more independently in their home."

"The council acknowledges that Mr and Mrs Piper have been experiencing a long-standing drainage issue where previous attempts to resolve the problem has resulted in the blockage eventually returning."

"The council recently surveyed the drainage system and works to rectify the problems have been called up and will be carried out shortly."

"A temporary shower was offered to Mr and Mrs Piper previously although this was refused by the tenants. In addition, a temporary bath was also due to be installed this week and this has also been declined by Mr Piper."

"The council acknowledges that the drainage issues have not been adequately resolved to the satisfaction of Mr and Mrs Piper and we can only apologise for this. It is envisaged that the upcoming works will remedy the situation once and for all."

Season end for hunting in the Vale



Photos by Heather March.

THE Glamorgan Hunt held the last meet of the 2014/15 season at Springmeadow, Llandow.

About 60 riders enjoyed following hounds over some lovely country where the jumps varied from inviting and fairly easy to hairy and difficult.

Jacky Thomas, huntsman and joint master, was thanked for a busy and successful season, with record numbers of followers enjoying the sport. The masters again thanked the farmers and landowners who allow the hunt over their land.

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BLUES ARE TOP DOGS IN BOWLS COMPETITION

ALTHOUGH the numbers at Cowbridge Friendship Club February meeting were sadly reduced, we still had enough members to make up two teams for our annual bowls competition.

Once the two teams had been selected there was fierce competition between the red and blue teams – and even some of the retired crown green bowl members found the surface not up to the usual standard.

At the start of the competition, the teams were very evenly matched from six-all,

then seven-all but in the end the blue team were the winners by a very small margin of 12 to seven.

But all in all, everyone enjoyed the afternoon with plenty of fun and laughter. It was then time for afternoon tea and cakes.

Our meeting in March will be a craft afternoon preparing items for Easter.

Meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month, so if you, or someone you know, would like to find out more about the Friendship Club,

telephone 01656 668446.

PAT SMITH (Leader)

£1.9m bridge work will take less time

THE St Bride's road bridge will remain open to traffic until March 16, six weeks later than originally scheduled.

It will then close for essential work to be carried out and reopen, as originally planned, at the end of June.

The work to transform the bridge between Ewenny and St Brides Major was scheduled to start on February 2. However, following concerns from the local community, Network Rail has worked with utility providers to reduce the overall time the bridge and road is closed to traffic.

The Vale Council's operational manager for Highways, Michael Clogg, said: "While the road closure is unfortunately unavoidable, we're glad that we were able to reach an agreement with Network Rail to reduce any disruption, whilst the bridge replacement works take place."

"We fully understood the concerns raised by residents and businesses in the area, and we think that this agreed delay to the road closure will benefit

the whole community and provide a more manageable outcome for everyone."

"During the road closure, a diversionary route will be clearly signposted to ensure disruption is kept to a minimum."

"The council is working to ensure that the diversion route provides the most suitable alternative and convenient access to St Bride's during the construction phase and will be undertaking any necessary maintenance and improvement works to the route prior to the new closure date for the bridge, as well as closely monitoring the route during the construction phase."

"The bridge will be transformed from a one-lane bridge to a structure with increased capacity which can support two lanes of traffic and a pedestrian footway."

The £1.9m project to strengthen the bridge is jointly funded by Network Rail and the Vale of Glamorgan Council.



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COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SPORTS ROUND-UP

Basketball teams enjoy plenty of success

THE Vale School basketball season is now in full flow and Cowbridge Comprehensive has a number of teams across the different leagues.

In the run up to half term the teams played a number of their competitors from across the Vale in heated match ups.

The Year 8 A team began their season at home facing off against Porthcawl. This was the first ever meeting of these teams, with Porthcawl going up against the Cowbridge B team in last year's under-12s tournament.

After a few early baskets Cowbridge lost their edge and Porthcawl quickly got themselves back into the game, bringing the lead down to two points by halftime. Missing a number of key players due to injury and unavailability Cowbridge 8A found themselves facing a real battle against a team the same age as them for the first time.

Disaster then struck as an elbow to the nose sidelined centre Adam Durrant for the third quarter. Forced to play small ball Cowbridge dug deep. Alex Oldham picked up the slack on the defensive end and Will Marsden brought great intensity off the bench.

In the fourth quarter Jamie Owen used a variety of pump fakes and low post moves to score inside and Cowbridge held on to win 25-19.

The Year 11 sides faced off next. Cowbridge sensed an opportunity early as they realised Porthcawl were missing a few of their stronger players. They kept the game close throughout the first quarter but then began struggling in the second and fell to a double digit deficit.

Refusing to just roll over they fought their way back into the game, getting as close as three points late in the fourth. Unfortunately a costly turnover by Cowbridge was capitalised on by Porthcawl who survived the furious comeback to win 32-27.

New entrants into the Vale league Treorchy visited Cowbridge on February 10 to play both Year 8 sides. For the B team this was their first game of the season and they knew a strong start was essential.

Behind strong play by Beth Edwards and James Eason, Cowbridge built an early lead. Treorchy struggled to get a rhythm going and found themselves outmatched on the boards. With Ollie Piper and Nathan Milani attacking from the wings Cowbridge didn't let up for the entire game, winning eventually 26-8.

Next up for Treorchy was Cowbridge 8A. Looking to match the success of 8B they got to work immediately, scoring at will inside and out and by the end of the first quarter Cowbridge had complete control and eventually won easily, 38-6.

For the first time there is a girls school basketball league in south east Wales. For Cowbridge their first fixture was to head over to Stanwell in Penarth and play their three teams.

Due to their outstanding success in the previous academic year the Cowbridge Year 8 girls are playing both in their age category and in the under-16s category. Stanwell, however, have a long history of successful girls basketball teams so for Cowbridge it was a case of going straight in at the deep end.

First up the Cowbridge girls played the under-16 game. It was a close and hard fought game throughout but Stanwell managed to keep edging ahead slowly, maximising on their size and strength inside.

Short one of their key ball handlers (Sophie Hawkins, away on county cross-country) Cowbridge struggled to get their offence going. Combined with the struggle to get rebounds most possessions were a case of one and done. Stanwell had to work for it but eventually they won 19-7.

Up next was the Year 7 girls game. For the Cowbridge Year 7 girls this was, for many of them, their first real competitive match - fortunately for a number of Stanwell's side this was the case also.

After a few minutes of confusion the game really got going. Cowbridge attacked with speed and teamwork as Kate Floyd and Nicole Yip, feeling confident from their experience at the 5x60 tournament in December, led the way.

Lowenna Radcliffe played a confident game in the post. Stanwell, however, were built around a star player who confidently drove to the rim throughout the game, making lay-ups and drawing fouls. Cowbridge made a final push in the fourth quarter but ending up falling agonisingly short 11-10.

Finally the Year 8 girls faced off against Stanwell's Year 8s and were keen to quickly avenge their earlier loss. It didn't take long for them to accomplish that, as they took a lead early on and never let it go.

Beth Edwards was hitting shots from all over the floor and the rest of the team matched her intensity. The Gregory twins, Jess and Emily, were beasts on the

defence end and Cowbridge ended up winning easily, 28-8.

Cowbridge then headed to Bro Morgannwg for some away games for the first time in a few years. It's a smaller gym than Cowbridge are used to, a factor that often works against the Cowbridge teams and their pace and space offense. For Bro Morgannwg, though, it was to be a tough day - their Year 8 side had to face both Cowbridge teams.

First up the Cowbridge 8A team took their rivals on. After a short adjustment period getting used to the court the Cowbridge players got properly into the game. They played an intense style of defence and pushed the ball repeatedly.

Much like the Treorchy game Cowbridge had it under control very quickly and easily outpaced their opponents, winning eventually 33-11.

For the Cowbridge 8B team a steep challenge was ahead of them. Just the day before they suffered the devastating loss of forward Culley Harrington to a season-ending ankle injury.

Now they had a critical game to play and were missing a number of key players who were away on other sporting duties. Cowbridge struggled to deal with the smaller court.

GYMNASTICS
15 pupils took part in the Cardiff and Vale Tumble and Vault Competition which took place in Sport Wales on Friday, January 23.

Individual results: Cameron Davies U19 Boys - 3rd; Luke Hinkin-Evans U14 Boys - 1st; Mia Sexton and Bridget Walter U19 girls - Joint 2nd; Megan Hodgson U14 girls - 2nd; Tirion Evans U14 Girls - 3rd.

Team results: under-19 girls - 1st, under-14 girls - 1st.

The individual winners will now represent Cardiff and the Vale in the Welsh School final taking place on March 6 - well done to all who took part.

HOCKEY
Brynteg were a strong team and had most of the possession in the first half against Cowbridge.

They were very strong in attack and put pressure on our defence. Rhiannon, Molly and Meg worked very well and tackled non-stop to stop them getting a shot at goal.

Rhiannon had some brilliant clears from the back to take the pressure off the defence. Brynteg continued to put pressure on our defence but everyone worked together to push them back.

Molly and Meg displayed some

excellent hits from the back which penetrated through the wall of players in front of them. The attack and midfield players picked up the balls and put pressure on Brynteg defence, but they could not get a clear shot on goal.

Brynteg had a very strong defender which was almost impossible to get passed and therefore we were unable to score. Brynteg were very strong in attack and scored three good goals. The girls worked very hard and continued to tackle until the end. Final score 3-0 to Brynteg.

ATHLETICS
Congratulations to sixth form student Iori Moore who has been selected to represent Wales in the 60 metre at the indoor under-20 international on March 8 - we wish him all the best.

Congratulations also to Jordan Meek, Tirion Evans and Megan Hodgson, who have all been selected to represent Cardiff & The Vale at the Welsh Sportshall finals.

They gained selection after competing for school in the Cardiff & Vale Championships. Jordan Meek will compete in the four lap race, standing long jump and shot. Tirion will compete in the two lap, vertical jump and shot and Megan in the two lap, standing long jump and speed bounce - good luck.

NETBALL
The Year 7 netball A and B teams played away to Llantwit Major.

The A team played first having a tough match. We were 3-2 up at halftime with excellent shooting from Alexa Browning and Amelie Clode who were playing out of position.

During the second half there were some really good interceptions from Emma Jones and Catrin Roy helped to secure a lead and we finally won 6-4. Player of the match - Imogen Thomas.

The B team had an easier match winning convincingly 11-1. There was lovely play by Sian Lloyd, Emily Hodgkin and Isobel Annetts in attack, really making it hard for Llantwit defence. Player of the match - Izzy Annetts.

The Year 8 A team were first on court to play Stanwell and the game was very equal at the start of the game. Cowbridge were attacking strongly and putting pressure on the Stanwell defence.

Stanwell took the first goal but we quickly equalised and got back in the game. Back and forth both teams were scoring but Stanwell slowly crept in front finishing the first half, 7-4.

Cowbridge started slow in the second half and Stanwell scored



Gymnastics squad.

three goals in quick concession. Frankie, Helena and Ffion worked excellently in defence and intercepted many balls.

Unfortunately, the Stanwell attack were very strong and took every opportunity they had and won 12-4.

Player of the match: Helena McCormack.

In the Year 8 Vale netball tournament on February 12, Cowbridge faced Llantwit Major first. Cowbridge had first centre pass and straight away displayed excellent team work to get the first point within the opening seconds of the game.

There was no stopping them as they passed the ball fluidly down the court to the shooting circle, where Charlotte and Ella displayed some excellent shooting.

Brilliant interceptions and communication by Helena and Frankie prevented Llantwit from getting into the shooting circle. Cowbridge looked unstoppable as they continued to steal the ball and increase their lead to finish the game 12-0.

Cowbridge's second game was against St. Richard Gwyn. They were confident after their previous game and this was evident as they were attacking strongly.

Cowbridge made it look easy as they passed and moved quickly around the court on each centre pass. Beth, Steph and Eve's quick passing gave St. Richard Gwyn no chance to steal the ball and Charlotte and Ella were getting every shot on target.

Once again Helena, Frankie and Daisy were giving St. Richard Gwyn no room for error as they took every ball confidently and intercepted so many passes towards goal. Final score 9-0 to Cowbridge.

Cowbridge's third game was against Stanwell. The girls knew it was going to be a very thorough game as they had drawn and lost against them in previous school matches.

The game was very close with both teams fighting for every ball and intercepting one another's passes, but



Basketball team.



Year 9 netball team.

Stanwell were first to score.

This seemed to have negative affect on the girls and their heads dropped a little. However they kept fighting but it was not enough as Stanwell crept in front. Little mistakes became more frequent and the girls became more frustrated, allowing the prospect of losing affect their game. Both teams however displayed excellent skills and determination but Stanwell took every chance they got with an excellent shooter. Final score 6-0 to Stanwell.

An excellent performance by all the girls in every game resulted in second place overall in the tournament.

In the Year 9 Vale netball tournament, Cowbridge's first game was also against Llantwit Major. We had first centre pass and scored within the first seconds of the game.

This gave us confidence and we

continued to extend our lead and stop Llantwit from scoring.

The defence were excellent and Emily, Sarah and Elin intercepted and fought for every ball. As a result they were able to provide the attackers with the opportunity to score. Final score 11-1.

After watching St. Richard Gwyn play another team it was clear they had two strong players. We discussed different tactics and took to the court confident after our last win.

St. Richard Gwyn began strong and put pressure on us from the start. Meriel and Sophie did their best to mark and stop their two strongest players from getting the ball and as a result we improved and started attacking confidently.

The standard of passing was excellent from all and the attack provided Sophie and Olivia with good balls into the shooting circle. The standard of shooting was excellent, and we continued to extend our

lead to win 10-4.

We played Llantwit Major again in the deciding game. Whoever won this game would be taking home the trophy.

Both teams took to the court in anticipation and the hope of winning. The game was very tight to begin with both teams defending and fighting for every ball. Cowbridge took the lead initially but Llantwit started taking their chances and it was neck and neck up until the halftime whistle.

It was 4-3 to Cowbridge at the start of the second half and straight away we put the pressure back on the Llantwit defence. Our game improved and we connected as attack and defence, the defence were intercepting all Llantwit's balls towards goal and providing the attack with opportunities to score. The attack took these opportunities and extended their lead to end the game with an excellent 9-3 win!

'EDUCATING, NURTURING, SUPPORTING
DISADVANTAGED YOUNG CHILDREN'

Inspirational Vale charity and Welsh artists combine in Cardiff fundraiser

THE Vale charity 'World at Play' is hosting an auction featuring original works by acclaimed Welsh artists to raise funds for its inspirational trips to eastern Europe.

The event is to take place in Cardiff at The Kooywood Gallery on Friday, March 20.

The charity was founded by former Cowbridge pupil Mike Emery after he saw how outdoor activities and play could transform the lives of youngsters who arrived at Atlantic College during the summer holidays.

Michael explained: "During my university years, I used to come back to Atlantic College every summer and help with all types of children, some local, some from farther afield, and they used to do activities like swimming, canoeing, and orienteering."

"I learnt if you are to educate, nurture and support children, sport and play is a tremendous way to help."

"When I started World at Play the idea was to target children who don't have the same opportunities as those in Wales."

"In 2003, I came home to Wales and set up the charity - I was fortunate to have support from my family and friends - my father Peter said: 'If you do it, we will support you.'"

World at Play has brought joy to thousands of disadvantaged youngsters in eastern

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN



Michael Emery, the founder of the Vale charity World at Play.

Europe over the years. Andy De Quidt, one of Michael's friends from London, was testimony to the charity's power for good.

Michael explained: "In 2006, I passed over the charity to Andy to run. He sadly died of cancer in the summer of 2009."

"In a letter to his church in Kingston-upon-Thames before he died, he said World at Play was incredibly important to him and the highlight of his life. He said it had to continue."

OPPORTUNITIES

World at Play teams number around 10 people, travel for three months and spend a full week living and working at each destination they visit.

Members offer 'respite sport and play' to children and adults - orphans, street children, Romany communities, deaf and blind children,

and youngsters with mental or physical disabilities.

Peter Emery, the chairman of the charity, said the cause now has a dual purpose - supporting children abroad and providing opportunities for Welsh young people to develop through taking part in expeditions.

He said: "Last year the World at Play model was amended. The team was selected from a list of Welsh-based applicants some of whom would be considered young people at risk within their own communities."

"This year and following years, it is hoped that at least one and ideally two expeditions will leave south Wales for eastern Europe."

"Our own Welsh people will embark upon a life-changing challenge, returning to their communities with a

different, positive outlook on their own futures in Wales."

LOCAL SCHOOLS

A team is due to leave the Vale next in September, but before they leave they will visit 10 local schools to explain to pupils what their plans are - the youngsters will then be able to follow the expedition thanks to on-line updates.

Funding is vital - and it is hoped the auction of top Welsh art will provide a huge boost.

There will be approximately 50 original works of art. Many of Wales' foremost artists have contributed to the evening, including Gwilym Prichard, Claudia Williams, Wynne Jenkins, Kevin Sinott, Dan Llwllyn Hall, Mike Jones, Geraldus John and David Knight.

Peter said: "We are very grateful that Rhian and Neil at The Kooywood Gallery have offered the venue to World at Play free of charge."

To watch an inspirational film which shows how volunteering for World at Play changed Morgan Rogers' life, go to: www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRPKJV4u1Q.

The auction is on Friday, March 20 (6.30pm for 7pm) at The Kooywood Gallery, 8, Museum Place, Cardiff, CF10 3BG (just 100 metres from the National Museum of Wales).

Complimentary glass of wine at 6.30pm! Auction starts at 7pm.

A varied start to the year as diary fills up

If a single word could be used to describe the functions the Mayoress and I have attended since the turn of the year, or indeed, since becoming Mayor last May, it would have to be "varied" - and since variety is, as the old saying has it, "the spice of life", we have once more enjoyed plenty of seasoning in our lives.

In early January we went to St David's Hall for a concert given by The African Children's Choir. This is a charity established 30 years ago whose slogan is 'Helping Africa's most vulnerable children today, so they can help Africa tomorrow.'

This year, the choir was from Uganda, but over the years children have come from a number of African nations. Twelve children, aged between seven and 12 spend a whole year travelling to the USA,

Canada and the UK, giving concerts to raise money to pay for their further education.

While travelling, they are accompanied by teachers and complete the home school curriculum for their year.

In Cardiff, they were supported by 300 children from schools in the capital and the Vale. The energy and sheer *joie de vivre* of these children was inspiring, and the atmosphere in the hall quite extraordinary.

Sober contrast
There could hardly be a greater contrast than that provided by an exhibition hosted by the Mayor of the Vale in Barry Town Hall to mark Holocaust Memorial Day; a cause for sober reflection on the nature of humanity.

The Lesser Hall was the venue for a very successful morning when at least 50 members of the public took the opportunity to learn how to operate the defibrillator that has been installed in the Town Hall. Sadly, the Mayoress and I were



COWBRIDGE MAYOR'S DIARY

by Coun
Peter Knapp

not successful on our visit to the Royal British Legion's bingo evening, but it is yet another example of the many social events taking place in the town.

I was able to offer a spectacular treat to the Mayoress on the evening of her birthday when we attended the last night of the Cowbridge Comprehensive School performance of Chicago. I do not exaggerate when I tell you that we couldn't

have had a better evening in the West End.

Once again, the talent and enthusiasm expressed in so many ways by the pupils and staff at the school is a matter for real pride.

On a wet morning a couple of weeks ago, we joined the Beavers and Cubs for the planting of narcissi in Old Hall Gardens for Marie Curie Cancer Care; such a worthwhile endeavour for the young.

Finally, may I remind you that this Saturday I shall be, as usual on the first Saturday of the month, hosting a coffee morning in the Mayor's Parlour from 10am until mid-day and would be delighted to see you there.

Also on Friday the 13th I can offer you a spectacular evening in the Town Hall with Rock Choir and friends - all in the cause of raising money for my chosen charity, Prostate Cymru. Tickets from the Town Clerk's office. Come along, I promise you an evening to remember!

'Cowbridge should welcome more affordable housing'

WELL, it's official, Cowbridge Town Council is opposing any development at Darren Farm - with the suggested alternative being to build at Llantwit Major or Llandow.

Surely we all agree that more housing is required in the area to accommodate a growing

population? The Vale of Glamorgan Council website indicates that 14,500 already reside in Llantwit Major, with only 3,800 in Cowbridge.

Clearly, Cowbridge residents should be welcoming the need to build more affordable and appropriate housing for younger families, in or near the town.

It could well be that some of those in

opposition were themselves not originally from the area and at the time they moved to Cowbridge were, I am sure, delighted to become accepted and integrated into what was new development.

From its origins as a single street settlement, despite a high influx of additional houses and population, Cowbridge has absorbed these

changes and there is no reason to believe it cannot do it again.

Opponents seem to be overly concerned about the threat to the High Street, despite the fact that it, too, has survived for many years without a problem. Now, when shops go vacant, the expressed fear on the street is, "not another estate agent or charity shop."

Could it be that houses in Cowbridge are now so expensive that residents themselves need to shop in the charity stores? Surely not!

In conclusion, a thought occurs to me that if the population were to be expanded, dare I say it, residents might ultimately fulfil their dreams of a post office and swimming pool.

M Davies,
Llantwit Major.

**LOCAL ART
WORKSHOP**
COWBRIDGE library is holding a children's art workshop with art tutors on March 11 from 4pm to 6pm to create entries for the BBC Little Painting Challenge; for ages 7-15.

Contact the library on 01446 773941 to book a free place.

OLD COMRADES WELCOME FOR NILE CRUISE REUNION

THIS year, Middle East Land Forces Association arranged our final visit to the canal zone of Egypt where, along with thousands of other service personnel (and, I am sure, many of your readers) we served and lost many of our comrades who are now buried in the War Graves Commission cemeteries of Fayid, Ismailia, Moascar and Tel-el-Kebir.

I have been arranging these visits since 1993 and we decided that this April (that group is now full), would be our final visit to the above cemeteries to pay our final respects.

We also decided that we would keep in touch and arrange meetings although we are now in our 70s and 80s, and so we decided that our first get together now that we have made our final visit (over 50 visits) to the camps and cemeteries of the canal zone, should be for us to see the part of Egypt that we never had the chance to see during our service days.

Therefore, we are arranging a reunion on a Nile

Cruise ship for one week, cruising from Luxor to Aswan and back to Luxor, seeing the sights that we heard about but never saw.

Many of your readers I am sure either served in the forces in the canal zone during those terrible times or knew someone who had, and if anyone would like to join us on this reunion Nile cruise visit they would be welcome. I have 12 places left - spouses are welcome.

I will send full details of this reunion visit and I would apply for visas etc, using the same agents we used for our canal zone visits. We are flying from London Heathrow on November 23 and returning on November 30. If anyone would like full details please contact me either by email, telephone, or by post.

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I FIND myself needing to write with reference to the Vale Council exploring the suggestion that Jenner Park in Barry would benefit from a 3G pitch.

It has been suggested that upgrading the already excellent pitch at Jenner Park to a 3G pitch would benefit the whole community, and I have to say that I disagree with this.

Last weekend, Vale of Glamorgan League mini-football (under-7s to under-12s) was cancelled yet again because of the state of the pitches due to the weather. That means that 1,500 young players from all across the Vale who train every week, once again missed playing their matches.

During the winter months this is, sadly, a regular occurrence. If the Barry Sports centre pitches at the Colcot were to be upgraded to 3G, this would not happen, yet the council seems to be determined to put the money into Jenner Park.

If it were to happen, it would benefit the few rather than the many. It would not be available for all mini football and would also stop Jenner

Park being used by clubs such as the Barry and Vale Harriers Athletic who have been using Jenner Park longer than Barry Town!

By allowing young people to practice sports such as football, the youngsters have an opportunity to learn football skills, keep fit, practice teamwork and social skills, interact on many levels and, yes, have fun!

I noticed Alun Cairns' column in The GEM was dedicated almost exclusively to this subject last week, and I would urge the Vale Council to see this as an opportunity to work with the volunteer coaches and organisers of the Vale of Glamorgan Mini-Football League and be proactive in providing facilities that are fit for purpose - in order to promote the fitness and well-being of the young people of the Vale, no matter what their chosen sporting discipline.

Upgrading the pitches at the Colcot to 3G is not a speculation, it is an investment in the youth of the Vale of Glamorgan that will pay immediate dividends.

Spencer Locker,
Boverton.

Vale MP chooses his marathon charities



Bethan Smith (granddaughter),
Champ the dog, Alun Cairns, Karen
Jones (PDSA vet) and Gail Smith.

MP Alun Cairns is training for the 2015 London Marathon on April 26 hoping to raise money for the Holton Road Barry branch of the pet charity PDSA and Macmillan Cancer Support.

In Barry, the PDSA will benefit from the fundraising, after Mr Cairns met resident Gail Smith and her dog Champ, who receives regular support for chronic diabetes.

She said: "I am really pleased that my Mr Cairns will be running the marathon in aid of the PDSA. The charity has helped my family and Champ so much, and I am so grateful for the work they do. I will be supporting Alun in April, and hope he finishes as the fastest MP again."

Mr Cairns commented: "I am very excited to be running the marathon again this year, and the money I raise will go towards providing care for pets across Barry and the rest of the Vale for those who cannot access the veterinary system and much needed cancer support for MacMillan.

"It is no less daunting this year joining 30,000 other runners, but I am determined to do my best and raise as much money as I can for the two good causes."

To sponsor Mr Cairns and support the PDSA and Macmillan Cancer Support, log onto <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AlunCairnsMP>.

Football coaches challenge council's spending plan

OVER 100 coaches from across the Vale met recently to discuss the future of mini football.

The Vale Council has conducted a feasibility study to determine whether £500,000 allocated for spending on sports should be given to Barry Town United to build an all-weather '3G' pitch at Jenner Park.

It has been suggested that these facilities would benefit the community, but with the club's plans for a new academy in addition to the current demands on Jenner Park, some local coaches believe there would be no time for any extra community use of the pitches.

For this reason, organisers of the Vale of Glamorgan Football League minis section have appealed to the Vale Council to think again about where to spend the money.

Mini football brings together children of all abilities between the age of seven and 12 to play weekly football. But due to adverse weather conditions, nine weeks of football

had to be cancelled over the winter. And coaches say it is a similar story most winters.

The organisers of the league are urging councillors and cabinet members to oppose the plan to spend the money at Jenner Park.

Instead, they suggest that the council look at using the money to build 3G facilities at Colcot Sports Centre. At a meeting last week, the coaches co-signed a letter which they were due to send to all Vale councillors.

They claim the facility at Colcot Sports Centre would be used by the whole community and would benefit children of all abilities from all parts of the Vale. Their view is it would also be cheaper to maintain, because Barry Town United would require more frequent relaying of the pitch to comply with FIFA standards.

Wes Drew, one of the organisers, said: "The amount of coaches at our meeting shows how much disillusionment there is with the idea of spending this money on one

club at Jenner Park.

"Minis coaches volunteer their time to get these kids playing sport, but they need a bit of help from the council on this one. We have over 1,200 kids playing every week in the Vale, but we can't sustain – or grow – these numbers without the facilities."

Lee Saunders, another of the organisers, said: "Children from all backgrounds and abilities play football every week – boys and girls. Politicians of all colours talk all the time about needing to increase participation in sport, but it's people on the ground who put the graft in."

"We've heard some of them say they haven't heard any objection to the Jenner Park plan. Well here it is – over 100 coaches' signatures!"

The organisers have the petition online to gauge public support, <http://bit.ly/Vale3G> (by yesterday 1,114 people had signed it).

The coaches were hoping to meet councillors on March 6.

CLUB IS FINDING SOMETHING SPECIAL IN STREET SCENES...



Parasol Reflections (Teresa Baker).



Out!
(Mike Davies).

STREET photography is a unique and challenging form of photography that aims to tell an entire story in a single image.

Shot candidly, sometimes 'from the hip' to avoid being noticed, it requires perfect timing, perfect framing, and an ability to see the unusual in the everyday. Taking photographs of strangers requires a degree of confidence that few photographers possess.

This month the Vale Photographic Club was

Vale Photographic Club News

treated to one of the best – Dave Mason, a London-based photographer, who takes great pleasure in finding 'the extraordinary in the ordinary'.

It was quite revealing to see and hear his personal take on everyday scenes, scenes that the majority of us would walk past without noticing, but when drawn to our attention by Dave, provided an often poignant, often disturbing, often humorous and frequently humbling look at our society.

A thought-provoking and thoroughly enjoyable night.

Special mention this month also needs to go to Robin Dring – Robin is a lecturer in photography who, following a last minute cancellation of our scheduled judge, stepped in to save the day. Despite confessing that he'd never judged a competition before, he came up trumps.

Knowing he lives locally (and therefore likely to bump into us in the street!) may have had some influence over his scoring, but either way, he was superb, providing constructive, insightful and passionate commentary on our photographs. Thank you

Robin.

Highlights for the month ahead include: March 13, a practical session – a great opportunity to bring your camera and learn from more experienced photographers; March 27, a talk from Jan Cawley – an experienced judge and president of the Welsh Photographic Federation; and not forgetting our annual exhibition at Old Hall, Cowbridge, which continues until March 26 – everyone is welcome. For further information on the club, which is open to ages 16 and over (16 – 18 year-olds must be accompanied by an adult), visit www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk, or simply turn up to a club evening; meet every Friday from September to July at 7:15pm in the Ystradowen village hall. Whether you're looking to develop your skills as a serious photographer, just starting out with a new camera, or simply looking to take better photographs of the kids, you'll be most welcome. AC

Cowbridge Country Market returns

COWBRIDGE Country Market reopens on Friday March 6 at 9.30am in The Lesser Hall.

There will be the usual homemade produce on sale and will also be a celebration of National Marmalade Week with all the new season's marmalades. Everyone welcome.

LENT LUNCHES

EVERYONE is welcome at the Lent lunches, which will be held in the church hall of All Saints' Church, Park Road, Barry on March 5, 12 and 19 from 12pm to 1.30pm and will include soup, crusty bread and a selection of cheeses. Tea or coffee and a free raffle ticket will also be included for £5.

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PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND FOR THE PURPOSES OF FACILITATING A NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT THE FORMER YSGOL MAES DYFAN SCHOOL SITE

Land at Ysgol Maes Dyfan, Barry.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council intends to dispose of a strip of land which forms part of the site of the former Ysgol Maes Dyfan, Barry. This narrow strip of land is part of the school site the Council is disposing for a residential development (subject to planning permission). The narrow strip comprises a grass bank admeasuring approximately 402 m² and is located between an existing fence that secured the former school and the adjoining parks land.

The adjoining park land will remain as public open space.

A plan indicating the location of the land can be inspected at the reception desk of the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU.

Objections to the intended disposal must be made in writing and addressed to: The Director of Resources, The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU by no later than 19th March 2015.

Dated this 5th day of March 2015.

Managing Director

'The Wales We Want': your views will shape pioneering legislation

IT was good to see the headlines earlier this week reporting on the views and opinions of people across Wales who have taken part in a year-long conversation to help identify 'The Wales We Want'.

These views will also help inform the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales Bill) which is currently being debated in the National Assembly.

People were asked what they wanted to leave behind for their children and grandchildren, and to consider the challenges and aspirations in order to create the Wales they want by 2050.

This will help shape the goals of this pioneering new legislation and the results reported this week were both imaginative and inspiring. The results were welcomed by Welsh actor Michael Sheen, who helped to launch the conversation a year ago as Unicef Ambassador.

He is increasingly an influential champion and ambassador for Wales – as we saw from his role in the NHS Tredegar march on St David's Day.

The feedback from children and young people was particularly valuable in responding to our goal that: *children need to be given the best start in life from very early years.* With the insight that children and young

people so often have, the viewpoint from one participant was very clear: *"I want a Wales where everyone gets the chance to be the best they can."*

There were recurring themes about the need to focus our resources on investing in the early years and prevention – these views support our approach in Welsh Government to setting budgets and identifying priorities.

There was a strong sense of 'belonging to local communities' emerging from the discussions and a need to tackle loneliness and isolation, but care for the environment also featured strongly in the conversation:

"I want a Wales where everyone cares about our planet."

The report says that

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by
Jane Hutt
AM (Minister for Finance)

many conversations took place following the severe weather events of 2014 so the impacts of a changing global climate highlighted climate change and the environment as the main area of concern but investing in more localised economies was also a priority:

"We need to sustain local jobs in the area that pay living wages and help to grow the local economy."

The strength of feeling about tackling inequality was clear – with a recognition of the needs of carers 'who are often the closest female relative' and the needs of disabled children to be treated more fairly.

There were strong messages for us in Government about our responsibilities and roles with the viewpoint: *"We don't want services to be shaped around us, but with us."*

"Talking about 'The Wales We Want' makes me a by-stander, I want to talk about the Wales I want to help create."

Peter Davies, the Commissioner for

Sustainable Futures who brought this report together, concludes that this is not a 'one-off exercise' but the beginning of a process.

I urge everyone to read the report and continue the conversation on the Wales We Want www.thewaleswewant.co.uk The report points the way forward for us in the Welsh Government, as we take on new powers and responsibilities.

We have been clearly informed that the Welsh public wants a strong say in how we take greater control of our own affairs in Wales, and how the people of Wales can play their part in making it work for our people, businesses and communities, now and in the future.

TWO VARIED WALKS HAD A POIGNANT THEME...



Brenda Youde: a moment of reflection.
(Photograph by Ruth Curle)

ON St David's Day, members of the Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers had a choice of two walks; one was a shorter walk in the Vale of Glamorgan, starting from Colwinston, and the other was a longer walk in the Brecon Beacons.

Two very different walks – and the weather that was encountered by the two groups was very different also. The walkers in the Vale were bathed in sunshine, while the walkers who were in the Beacons were encountering hail storms, and gusts of wind up to 80 miles per hour.

The difficulty was sometimes standing up and walking into the wind was quite difficult.

It was with great sadness we learnt this week that one of our

members, Kathy Phillips, had passed away. Kathy, and her late husband, Phil, had been long-serving members of the group, and held various posts on the committee. The legacy that they created continues to go from strength-to-strength.

There was a moment of remembrance on both walks for Kathy. We would like to thank Brenda Youde for leading the Vale walk, as for many years Brenda and Kathy had led walks together.

In memory of Kathy, daffodils were laid at the baptism pool near Colwinston, while the Brecon Beacons walkers held a minute's silence.

For further information, visit our website www.valeofglamorganramblers.sco.uk or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

GWENDA FITZPATRICK

Window cleaner is jailed for 10 years at court

A WINDOW cleaner has been jailed for 10 years at Cardiff Crown Court for carrying out a "despicable crime" involving tying up an 88-year-old woman and robbing her in her home.

After retiring for six hours, a jury at Cardiff Crown Court found Gavin Tainton (33) of Mynydd Glas, Nantylfyllon, guilty of robbery by a majority verdict of 11 to one.

Tainton, said his counsel Christopher Rees, continues to dispute his guilt. When the jury reached their verdict, Tainton

CARDIFF CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

shouted abuse at them and as he was led from the dock, he shouted abuse at the officers in the case.

Recorder Robert Britton told him: "This was a most despicable crime. You went into her home when she was getting ready to go to bed. She was living alone and was a vulnerable person."

"You tied her up and banged her head on the floor a number of times. She weighed

barely seven stone and was 5'2" tall, and you even tied her up with electric cable."

He said the experience would be with her for the remaining days of her life.

The Recorder said: "You showed her no mercy and you fought the case and made her go through the ordeal of giving evidence. This deserves severe punishment."

The victim said she was left for dead after the defendant walked into her home demanding money.

She told the jury: "My heart was thumping and I said to him, 'I think I'm having a heart attack'. I saw blood coming from my leg and he showed me no mercy."

The jury heard that she was left with two broken bones in her hand.

Tainton claimed he was not responsible and he had been to the house before to clean her windows and as a result, left a fingerprint on a light switch.

Tainton claimed he was in Porthcawl on the day of the robbery.

Diabetes talk
THE Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK voluntary group will meet on March 17 in the board room, at the Llandough Hospital, Penarth, from 7.30pm-9pm, when Dr Julia Platts, will speak on 'National plans to improve diabetes'. All are welcome to attend.

AMELIA TRUST FARM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

THE Amelia Trust Farm charity, a working farm set in 160 acres of countryside in the Vale, is looking for volunteers to help run the farm café.

A spokeswoman said: "The main aim of the farm café is to raise much needed funds to plough back into the work that the farm does with vulnerable and disadvantaged young people."

"The coming months will see exciting new developments in the café, including the

installation of a coffee machine, an improved

of the public. *Amelia Trust Farm, Five Mile Lane, Barry, produce from the farm CF62 3AS, can be and local area, and a new menu for members*

Conservation call
WHITE FARM Conservation Group is seeking more volunteers to help plant fruit trees in White Farm Park adjacent to Whitwell Road, Colcot.

Supported by Keep Wales Tidy and Tesco, this will help the park become a beacon for wildlife in the heart of Barry.

The new fruit trees will help bees and butterflies, while providing free fruit in the autumn. Schools near the park can also have fruit trees planted to help pollinators.

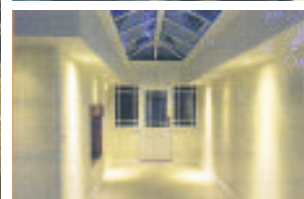
The fruit tree planting session is this Sunday, March 8. Volunteers are asked to meet at 118 Merthyr Dyfan Road at 12pm.



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MP on attack over council tax increase

AS The GEM went to press last night, all the signs were that the Vale Council was going to pass a 3.9 per cent rise in council tax, writes PHILIP IRWIN.

The matter was due to be voted on at a meeting

of the full Vale Council, starting at 6pm yesterday (Wednesday).

The proposal, and its likely acceptance, has infuriated Vale MP Alun Cairns who described it as "astonishing", adding that the increase is eight times the Bank of England rate of inflation (0.5 per cent in

December 2014).

Mr Cairns had previously called on the authority to freeze council tax. He said the council should have argued the case for a fairer funding settlement from the Welsh Government more aggressively.

Mr Cairns said: "I am

alarmed that the local authority has raised council tax again this year, on top of the punishing increases in the last couple of years.

"Local residents will quite rightly be wondering when will these increases end? We have had major rises since 2012, and now a 3.9 per cent this year."

The Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore, pointed out: "At 3.9 per cent, the proposed council tax increase for the Vale for 2015/16, is one of the lowest of the 22 Welsh unitary authorities."

"As council tax equates to approximately only one quarter of the council's net expenditure, it represents less than a one per cent increase overall, at a time when the main source of the council's funding from Welsh Government continues to reduce, with a cut for next year of 3.5 per cent, equivalent to £5.5 million."

"However, to reduce the potential impact on the Vale Council tax payer, council services have been tasked with achieving savings of over £6.8 million next year, and an estimated £24.7 million over the next three years. The proposed budget for 2015/16 will also be

supplemented by the use of £2.5 million of general reserves."

"It should be noted that, unlike in England, no funding has ever been allocated to Welsh councils to instigate any form of council tax 'freeze'."

"In the circumstances, therefore, the proposed increase in council tax in the Vale is viewed as being a reasonable balance between the financial pressures on council services, in particular education and adult social care, and the financial pressures on our council tax payers."

"The Vale Council will continue to lobby Welsh Government, both directly and through the auspices of bodies such as the Welsh Local Government Association, to achieve a fairer funding settlement for Welsh local authorities generally and the Vale in particular."

Alun Cairns added: "I have campaigned for many years for a fairer funding settlement for the Vale and I invite people again to sign up to my campaign."

"I am frustrated that residents living in the Vale have been hit again when many councils across Britain have frozen bills for several years."

College sets year-10 school pupils an aeronautical puzzle

Students taking part in last year's Aeronautical Challenge.



TO mark National Engineering Week, Cardiff & Vale College (CAVC) is holding special competitions for year-10 pupils, and high schools are invited to put forward teams of six pupils for activities that will test mental agility, quick thinking and problem-solving – key skills for a career in aircraft maintenance.

The construction challenge, to be held over three days from March 20–24, will take place in the college's International Centre for Aerospace Training (ICAT) based at Cardiff Airport.

Last year's challenge was won by Radyr Comprehensive, with Llantwit Major Comprehensive a close second.

Nine-member year-10 teams are invited to put forward a project manager, brickwork, carpentry, wall and floor tiling and plumbing contractors to design and

build within a 2.5m square plot.

Winners will be chosen by the college's specialist aerospace engineering and construction lecturers.

Contact CAVC student recruitment officer Joanne Gower via jgower@cavc.ac.uk or 07549 606972..

Free advice for elderly

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding a free legal advice session at The Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, March 10 (10am to 12 midday).

If you are over 50 and worried about a legal matter other than criminal law, just come along and have a chat to a local legal team based in Barry.

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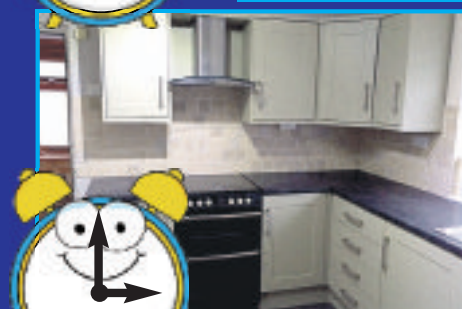
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TV presenter is 'proud' of response to charity appeal

TV presenter Llinos Lee from Barry was among those who took to the streets of Cardiff on St David's Day, to help collect funds for the Marie Curie Great Daffodil.

Llinos, who is known for her work on Welsh language shows such as Heno and Dal Ati: Bore Da, has a strong connection to Marie Curie as the charity's nurses cared for a number of her friends and family.

Llinos signed up for a Great Daffodil Appeal street collection to help fund the charity's work supporting people living with a terminal illness, and their loved ones, across Wales.

She explained: "Marie Curie is a charity that is close to my heart. My best friend's mum sadly died of cancer and my friend was her sole carer. Marie Curie offered her respite care at the Cardiff & The Vale hospice in Penarth, which was just amazing. Another family friend was also cared for at the hospice.

"Just before Christmas my father's brother was cared for at the hospice



and he had the most amazing care. The staff there are fantastic. It's not just the focus on the patients, but also the support they provide for the families, too. They help you to come to terms with everything.

"I have never felt so proud to be Welsh as I did yesterday! There was a fantastic atmosphere in the city centre, thousands of people lined the streets to watch the parade and to celebrate St David's Day.

"I was so pleased to return a full tin of money to the organisers at the end of the day and was touched by the generosity of the people of Cardiff. I had a great time and I am already looking forward to next year's appeal."

To sign up as a Great Daffodil Appeal volunteer visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil.

LAST year, 25 local people volunteered to become the first Vale of Glamorgan Ambassadors and underwent training ranging from the history of the region to myths and legends, traditions and music to natural history, geology, event management and social media.

In November, they graduated to become fully fledged Vale of Glamorgan Ambassadors, now ready to meet and greet our visitors, write blogs, inform visitors about their area during their stay, and help out at some of the regions' great events.

Some are retired volunteers, others just have a little time on their hands and wanted to deepen their knowledge of this interesting area; and others run tourism businesses of their own.

A second round of training is about to begin, and so the call is out for others who might be interested in training up. It's completely free and involves a commitment of two days in total.

One day will be in a workshop setting learning all about the



Ambassadors pictured on an excursion to Salmon's Wells.

Vale, the other an excursion day, which is a great day out and about in the Vale visiting places you may never have known existed, and other gems.

Then, you can then decide what kind of ambassadorial activities you feel most drawn to. Certainly those who've already been trained up had a great time learning about this area, finding out things they never knew and becoming great friends in the process.

If you think you could give some time, or that your business would benefit from you knowing more about this area, contact Tracy

James-Lieberman at Vale of Glamorgan Tourism Association on 07773 804470 or info@lovethevale.com.

Training dates to choose from for this next round of training include March 11 in Penarth. Ambassador Excursions are arranged for March 17 and 25.

An additional training day for events, social media and blogging will take place at Old Hall Community College in Cowbridge on March 20.

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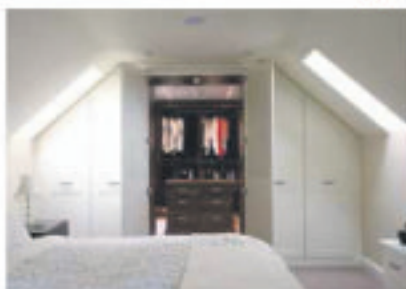
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Smith film is glossy, but it's lacking Focus and substance...

IT hasn't been a good few years for Will Smith. Having been the king of the box office, the actor's four-year break after the mediocre *Seven Pounds* saw him return for the underwhelming *Men In Black 3*, before starring alongside his son Jayden in the widely-panned *After Earth*.

In need of some box office magic, Smith is no doubt pinning his hopes on his latest film, *Focus*, where he plays con-man Nicky, whose latest scheme gets thrown for a loop when his former girlfriend (and fellow con-artist) Jess (Margot Robbie) shows up on the scene – will she play nice or will her appearance have disastrous consequences for him?

Despite the fact that their behaviour is pretty reprehensible, the world of con-artists is usually mined for entertainment without care for the consequences of the actions of those involved. *Focus* isn't a film that places moralising about the nature of working the con high on its list of priorities. Instead it's a glossy and slick caper movie that looks great, but when it comes to

offering something substantial, finds itself collapsing like a house of (rigged) cards.

It's the perfect vehicle for Will Smith to ease into after his recent disappointments – there is very little demand on the actor.

Instead, charisma, charm and a soupçon of darkness and weakness underneath the bluster is the order of the day and, Smith does a decent fist of this, his con-man finding his head spun by love rather than a need to atone for the mistakes of the past – but he doesn't dig under the character.

There are opportunities to show the darker side of the character, but even these are undercut with a knowing wink that ultimately it was all part of the plan, which takes away the drama and vastly reduces the stakes.

That's the main problem of the script, which comes from directing duo Glenn Ficarra and John Requa; any time you get close to something meaty and deeper, the rug gets pulled – the con may be on the characters falling victim to Smith and his gang, but it's also on the audience as well.

The occasional twist is fine, but when you spend the whole film

thinking that what you're seeing is simply an elaborate con, there is nowhere for the pair's script to go – you find yourself pre-empting the reveal rather than enjoying what's on the screen.

The film certainly looks the part, the pair having a good eye for visual detail and lensing the film in no little style, but it's the distinct lack of substance underneath that's most disappointing.

Obviously, the pair are not aiming to make a film that mopes around and ponders the meaning of what it's like to live the life, and run the risks, that these characters do, but you would expect and hope for more than you get here.

At least the performances engage to a degree, with Smith running his schtick, Margot Robbie (similarly an actress capable of a lot more) providing the glamour and a little heart, while scene stealer of the film goes to Adrian Martinez's Farhad, whose comic relief offers plenty of laughs.

However, *Focus* is a film that is wholly style, no substance – it's a diverting way to spend two hours, but expect depth and you'll be disappointed; wallow in

its glossy stylings and it might just pass muster.

VERDICT: A stylish, if ultimately lacklustre, affair, *Focus* looks great but dig beneath the surface and you won't find an awful lot there. The charisma of the performances hold up, and the film looks great and offers some semblance of entertainment, but there's nothing here to really dig your teeth into. *Average.*

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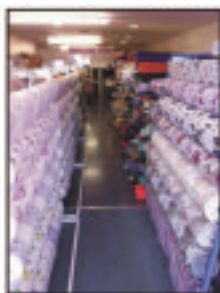
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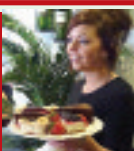
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Out and About with The GEM

Cowbridge talk

COWBRIDGE History Society's next lecture will be on Friday, March 6 at 7.30pm in the Lesser hall of the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

Graham Phillimore will be speaking on Daniel Jones of Woodford and Beaupre. All welcome.

Valeways walks

ON Sunday, March 8 at 2.30pm, 'A Prehistoric Fort', starting at the car park behind the Fox and Hounds pub, Llancarfan.

On Tuesday, March 10 at 1.30pm, 'Three Islands', starting outside Sully Parish Church, Sully.

On Wednesday, March 11 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap, Barry.

Diamond weddings!

THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Jeff Evans, would be keen to hear from married couples in Barry who will be celebrating their Diamond Anniversary.

Anyone celebrating this very special occasion can contact Barry Town Council Offices, so that arrangements can be made for the Mayor to make a personal visit to the couple.

If you require further details regarding the above please contact the Mayor's secretary, Julie Hurd on 01446 704921.

Religion in Penarth

ON March 12 at 7pm in the Parish Hall, Albert Road, Penarth a talk will be given by well-known local historian Alan Thorne on 'Religion in Penarth over the centuries'.

His presentation will use the widest dictionary definition of religion and will cover pagan Neolithic times up to the present day.

The talk will also cover Penarth's churches from Norman times; many later

churches were designed by Penarth architects such as H Budgen, EWM Corbett (Cogan Pill House), H Cornelius Harris and more. He also promises to touch on the Government's discussions in 1940 to demolish St Augustine's.

The Friends of St Augustine are organising this event. Entry on the door, £5 (full), £4 (Friends), to include refreshments.

Charcoal demo

TODAY, Thursday, March 5, Cowbridge Art Society president Jane Gagg will run a practical session on 'Rural habitations - looking at the work of Kyffin Williams and others who have used this genre', using charcoal with paints of choice.

On March 12, the society welcomes Penarth-born artist Andrew Coslett (see www.cozzart.co.uk) who will give a watercolour demonstration on New York's Central Park.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, 7pm - 9pm and visitors and new members are welcome. For details of activities, see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.

CAB help Bridgend

THE Citizens' Advice Bureau is now holding fortnightly sessions at KPC in Pyle to give advice and help in dealing with debt, managing a budget and benefits entitlements.

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Coffee time

PORTRCAWL Museum is holding a St David's Day coffee morning at the Y Centre in John Street on Friday, March

6 at 10.30am, entry is £1.50 at the door; homemade Welsh cakes, raffle, tombola and a quiz.

Enfys craft fair

ENFYS Craft Fairs will be holding their next fair on Saturday, March 7, at the St Ffrancis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry between 10am and 4pm.

Two new crafters will exhibit their machine embroidery lace and vintage shabby chic pieces signs and décor.

Charity for the month is Velindre 'Chicks and Chocs'. Barbara knits yellow chicks which 'hatch' little chocolate Easter eggs. All money raised from the sale of these eggs goes to fund cancer research at Velindre Hospital Cardiff. At the February fair, £73 pounds was raised by the raffle, in addition to sales of jams and marmalade, for the Cooking for the Homeless charity.

Contact Beryl on 01446 418695, or Cyril on 01446 400149.

CHC meeting

CARDIFF & Vale Community Health Council will meet on March 9 at Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU at 6.30pm.

See website www.communityhealthcouncil.org.uk/cardi/ffandvale.

History talk

THE next meeting of Dinas Powys Local History Society will be held on Tuesday, March 10 in Kynance Hall at 7.30pm.

It will include a talk by Phil Caradice entitled 'History Like the Teacher Never Taught You'. An administrative fee of £3 for non-members and £1.50 for members will be payable at the door and visitors are welcome. Enquiries to Betty Williams (02920 513524).

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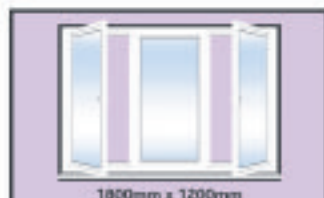
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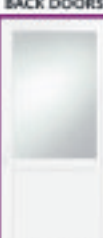
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LINDA FEAGAN,
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Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D868: The rollover of £5,500 was not won this week.

● **£2,000: 653626.**
● **£10: 195351, 991843, 518282, 638891, 121715, 281638, 781647, 745939, 407194, 676139, 487327, 838724, 739346, 889312, 592287, 557447, 747076, 907688, 743034, 993988.**

● **£5: 419096, 332478, 126124, 681691, 606302, 405807, 781150, 535161, 411145, 819039.**

834845, 212735, 832821, 663197, 133749, 802417, 672842, 118391, 626424, 423641, 164737, 519662, 589479, 512220, 361197, 420032, 468158, 288958, 484823, 640083, 516829, 488283, 795153, 500296, 194186, 934757, 929296, 238156, 950911, 797363, 388767, 808324, 865593, 809831, 231281, 316487, 296100, 269045, 621194, 226989, 262615, 586534, 873084, 429116, 752291, 478977, 000541, 001343, 001316.

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Get in the red for the BHF charity!

WE wanted to thank all our readers who came on board to join British Heart Foundation (BHF) Cymru in February (National Heart Month).

During that time we asked people to 'Wear it. Beat it' to support us and raise money to continue to fund the vital research needed to fight heart disease. With one in four of our loved ones lost to heart and circulatory disease each year, every penny raised makes a huge difference to our lifesaving work.

Countless people right across Wales fundraised for us by wearing red and hosting a red-themed event to support us and we are hugely grateful for the funds raised so far, which will go towards supporting over 375,000 people in Wales currently living with heart and circulatory disease.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind those who got involved with 'Wear it. Beat it.' to pay in the money they raise and to also remind our readers that there is still time to get involved with 'Wear it. Beat it.', readers can simply text RED to 70060 to donate £3 for the BHF's lifesaving research.

For more information about 'Wear it. Beat it.' and to register for next year's event or donate please visit bhf.org.uk/red.
Catherine Campbell,
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Tennis quiz

THE Barry Athletic Tennis Club will hold a quiz on Saturday, March 21, at Barry Athletic Bowls Club at 8pm; cost £3 per person; non-members welcome.

In Business Update

Holiday Club

FUN FOUNDATIONS Day Nursery is now opening a holiday club for children aged between 5 - 11 years.

The need for continuity of care for children once they reach the age of five has grown, especially in the past six months, with parents expressing a need for care between the hours of 7:30am and 6pm for all school holidays.

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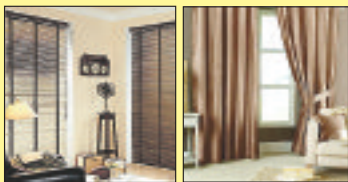
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Emmaus was founded in 1949. A worldwide movement, it offers an alternative to homelessness by providing people with a home, work and companionship to help them to regain their self-esteem.

The charity already has shops in Bridgend, Maesteg, Neath and Porthcawl. Later this year, it is opening a new Emmaus 'community'

for 23 people in a renovated former sheltered housing building in Bridgend.

"Now we can provide bargains for Cowbridge shoppers," said Emmaus south Wales director Tom Clarke, "which boosts our plans to help homeless people in south Wales back onto their feet."

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Lest we forget – 'The Arsenal' at Bridgend

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HERE are some more photographs of 'The Arsenal' at Bridgend for readers to inspect and see if you know anyone in them.

Both photographs were taken on October 20, 1943. One photograph was taken at the bus terminal outside the present South Wales Police headquarters building. The second was actually inside 'The Arsenal'.

In order to transport workers to and from their place of work within the Arsenal complex, special articulated buses were used. In this case, Trailer No3 was for workers from Abergwynfi and Ferndale.

The buses were run by the Ministry of Supply (this one No B 260, Registration No. GLU 813), and were a combination of a Ford Thames Tractor pulling a Scammell Trailer with Bodywork by Chas. H Roe Ltd, of Crossgates, Leeds.

Look out for more snippets of information and photographs of 'The Arsenal' in next week's GEM and please keep those responses coming!

Are you in any of the pictures? If so, contact Keith E Morgan, GEM photo-journalist, on 01656 788150 or e-mail keithemorgan@talktalk.net. He has already had some good responses – please keep them coming!

Teachers fear changes would be a 'band-aid solution'

Vale Council's 'disappointment' at school staff's stance on proposals

TEACHERS at a Barry school have serious reservations about the proposed £35m reorganisation of secondary education in the town.

Their concerns are articulated in a 'Bryn Hafren Comprehensive staff statement' which examines the initial consultation process, analyses the options for reorganisation and raises more specific issues.

The Vale Council has responded by saying it had carried out an initial consultation in 2013, has now come back with a detailed plan and can't understand why the staff have taken such a strong

stance before another round of consultation begins in May.

The Vale Council's proposed changes envisage two single-sex comprehensive schools merged into a single mixed school, while the Welsh school, Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, would be expanded to accommodate the increasing demand for Welsh-medium education.

If approved, the project would see the Vale Council invest around £18m in establishing the new 2,400 place mixed-sex school on the current site of Barry Comprehensive School, Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Talwg.

More than £17m would then be spent on upgrading the current Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School site to provide for an expanded Ysgol Bro Morgannwg and Ysgol Nant Talwg.

The Bryn Hafren staff document argues the council's initial consultation process was "flawed" and "not considered representative". It points out there were 951 responses from a Barry population of 51,502 (1.9 per cent) – and refutes the council's claim it was "comprehensive and wideranging".

The teachers say: "No teacher is against co-education in principle. However, as professionals we feel it must be done for the right reasons and at a time that is best for the pupils."

The statement also said teachers had resented a suggestion that pupils on the Bryn Hafren site would suffer "low self-esteem".

The statement said: "The Vale Council's PowerPoint presentation to governors asserted this with no consultation whatsoever. Some staff are offended by this suggestion."

The staff statement goes on: "Coun Elmore has asserted that £49 million was spent on the new St Cyres building, and not the £78 million quote in the local press. Even so, the pupils of this new build had £44,000 per pupil invested their education. The pupils of the English-medium school in Barry will have a sixth of this sum invested in them."

"Under 'preferred' Option D, the English-medium pupils will have approximately £7,521

by GEM REPORTER

each invested in their education. The Welsh-medium pupils will have £13,900 each. This is disproportionate and unfair spending."

The statement says: "It is felt that the pupils of Barry are being forced into a cobbled together and rushed 'transformation' of their education. It will take three and a half years of transition/disruption to the pupils of this town. Barry deserves better."

The teachers are concerned that the political climate may change because of a potential merger of the Vale Council with another authority, and wonder whether there could be change in funding.

"Current councillors and cabinet may not be in power by the proposed end date. Can they guarantee it will be completed?"

"The proposed merger with Cardiff Council looks more and more likely. How will this affect the merger? Will this new council share the same goals as the Vale of Glamorgan and will they deliver on the proposals?"

"Should anything be done before money is guaranteed in 2019, the schools would be in upheaval with a possibility of no major funding. What happens if money is not released in 2019?"

'PROUD OF SCHOOL'

The statements conclude: "The children of Barry deserve better than a 'band-aid' solution. If this town is to house a flagship English-medium school, then provide it with one."

"Do not scrimp and save and gain politically while unfortunate children are caught up in the maelstrom that will certainly ensue. If pupils' self-esteem is so important, and we think it is, they need to feel proud of their school."

"Moreover, they need to feel that their council is proud enough of them and that it will invest befittingly in their education and futures."

Consultation with parents, pupils and staff on the plan to invest £35m in secondary education in the Vale will begin on May 11.

Coun Chris Elmore, the cabinet member for schools, emphasised nothing had yet been agreed and views were still to be heard.

"In autumn 2013 we consulted and those who responded told us that they supported co-education for Barry and wanted the council to come back with a detailed plan for a second round of consultation. The production of this proposal is all that has been agreed to date."

"Following this, we set about developing a plan to introduce co-educational schooling for Barry."

"During the course of that work it became apparent that the merger of these two schools would also provide the opportunity to expand Ysgol Bro Morgannwg and allow the school to meet the increasing demand for Welsh medium education in the Vale – something that we as a local authority have a legal obligation to provide for."

"The plan that we have developed allows for a transformation of secondary education in Barry and will provide the town with first class English and Welsh medium schools. Consultation on this detailed plan will now commence in May."

"It is disappointing that staff at Bryn Hafren have taken such a strong stance against the proposal before we have even begun the consultation process."

"We have set out how we could deliver two new first class learning facilities for Barry. However, nothing has yet been agreed."

"It is our intention to talk to all those likely to be affected by any change, including staff, about how the plan could be refined to ensure the smoothest possible transition. If there is no support for change then we will have to consider maintaining the current set-up. Meetings with staff at Bryn Hafren have already taken place and we hope that this is the start of a productive, ongoing conversation."

"Our aim is to ensure that the highest standard of education possible is on offer to all pupils in the Vale. We hope that those working in education across Barry will work with us to give the town the schools that it deserves."

AWARENESS OF AUTISM

THE National Autism Society Cardiff and the Vale branch will hear a talk on Saturday, March 7 (10.30am – 1pm) at Ysgol y Deri Sully Road, Penarth, by Monique Post and Jonathan Hanna, entitled 'A practical approach to seeing autism in a different light'.

"A change seems to be underway in the understanding of autism. This gives the possibility of growth if we can connect with the child,

adolescent or adult and support their unique way of understanding the world," a spokesperson said.

Monique, who received a late diagnosis of autism, now runs her own business, giving lectures and workshops on autism.

Monique is originally from the Vale and now works for the Dutch government autism project, and is chair of two health boards.

Jonathan, who was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome at the age of 21, is passionate about raising autism awareness.

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LDP: questions that remain to be answered

MR Ed Lewis
(GEM
letters
February 26)

comments that "we have an LDP that drives development to rural villages" and describes this as a Labour Council policy.

It has to be said that the real creators of this policy for the rural villages were the previous Conservative council. Labour's 2012 Council election pledge to 'scrap the LDP' proved hollow, as its new LDP was little different in essentials.

The Conservatives are the political voice of the rural Vale, as they hold nearly all its council seats. For three years, it has been a remarkably quiet voice about Labour's LDP. Why? Things could have been very different.

The Welsh Government is party to a grave democratic deficit. Developers, exploiting planning loopholes, have launched a tide of pre-emptive planning applications for LDP allocated sites right across the Vale.

The Conservatives could have challenged the Welsh Government as to why it permits the denial of the right of communities to have their concerns on LDP development proposals to be properly considered by the quasi-judicial independent LDP inspector's inquiry.

The Welsh Government is forcing the Vale to be amalgamated with a Cardiff desperate for building land. Furthermore, the Welsh Government has just revised the land supply regulations which

potentially open the way for a new wave of windfall development applications across the Vale.

Are the Conservatives seriously telling their rural constituents that it is still in the interests of their villages that the existing protective settlement boundaries be removed?

Then we have the Llandow Newydd debate. The GEM has published many letters on this, yet the Conservatives have remained silent on the issue. Do they still oppose this site as an LDP one?

Recently the council voted on a motion to radically reduce the LDP housing total for the Vale based on population data. Plaid Cymru, UKIP and the Independents voted for the motion, but the Conservatives abstained.

Is it still their position that the best means of accommodating the excessive demands of the Welsh Government upon the Vale is to build as many houses as possible in the Barry area, as was suggested in a recent GEM letter from two Cowbridge Conservative councillors?

Shortly the Labour-dominated council will formally submit its LDP to the Welsh Government.

We won't know till then what amendments it will propose, but it has had far too easy a run for the last three years from a Conservative opposition, which still has answers to provide on very serious current development issues in the Vale.

Paul Jeremy,
Vale Villages Together Network.

WHO'S FOR FISH AND CHIPS..?

CONTINUING the "oasis of Englishness" debate, last week's GEM correspondent was completely missing the point; it was simply observing that such a reference could be considered racist in the political climate of modern-day Britain.

I am beginning to feel sorry for some monoglot English speakers who I imagine go to Spain on holiday and look for fish and chip shops, while complaining loudly that the country is full of Spaniards! What boring lives they must lead.

Ann Fisher,
Miskin.

Welcome to bilingual world of colour!

LET us call 'time' on those who disparage the Welsh language and its propagation.

They have the fox of Aesop's fable as their mascot, who swears that the grapes beyond its reach are sour.

English was my only language when I settled in Wales. I lived for a while deprived, and slightly envious of those

who spoke and sang Welsh.

My children gently drew me into their lively and stimulating bilingual world. The grapes now in my grasp are sweet and tasty, and poets daily make from them wine of many fine flavours.

I urge those without Welsh to acquire it; it's like finding a colour switch on your black and white television set!
Patrick Whelan, St Hilary.

Readers' Letters

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'Welsh speakers almost certainly Nationalists'

WITH regard to the letter in The GEM from Ms Anne Usher (February 26) who asked,

'What use is the Welsh language?' I thought I might try to enlighten her with a few suggestions.

It's very useful in the unlikely event that you bump into someone else who can speak it, because this allows you to converse with them at the top of your voice (preferably in public) thus showing how clever you are, and at the same time, demonstrating your 'Welshness'.

It also confirms that as a Welsh speaker, you are almost certainly a Nationalist who votes for the minority protest group known as Plaid Cymru – the party of Wales.

It will guarantee that you go to the top of the recruitment list if you want to work for S4C, BBC Wales, any council, or other public body or charity, and not forgetting of course the best jobs club of them all – the WAG. It helps Nationalists to divide

people, and create the illusion that Welsh people are somehow different to any other British citizen of the UK – when, of course, there is no difference at all.

Any language that has to rely on a law to force it down the throats of the huge majority of the population who don't want it, is doomed. And so it should be.

Peter Reed, Barry.

FOOTNOTE: The GEM wishes to make it clear that while acknowledging the right to free speech, it does not necessarily share the above writer's controversial views.

'I envy those who can speak both English and Welsh'

YOUR publication of Anne Usher's letter in The GEM (February 26) headed 'What use is the Welsh language?' demonstrates the importance and value of putting both sides of the argument, without fear or favour.

Its particular value on this occasion exposes the paucity of thinking represented in her letter.

This is the thinking of Jeremy Clarkson, who has in recent times raised this same question and, in consequence, the opprobrium given to his many ignorant and irrational outbursts is widespread throughout the UK.

The exaggerated language of Ms Usher clearly strengthens the reasons why the Welsh language should continue to flourish in the face of such ignorance. Remarks such as: 'Well, bully for you... whatever floats your boat,' makes one cringe when set in the context she has placed them.

It is difficult for me to understand why such protagonists fail to see the merit in being bilingual, as opposed to being a boring, mundane monoglot. Being a monoglot myself, I envy the abilities of the bilingualist who can speak the two languages

fluently and, in my experience, have a superior command in their use of the English language to most monoglots.

Finally, the writer gives a clear impression that she is being a solitary and very brave correspondent by forthrightly advocating the disclosure of her identity.

I've lived in this country for 70 plus years and have enjoyed the freedoms afforded to me, such as freedom of speech, without fear or favour. What I have absolutely not experienced as a monoglot, is any oppression or fear coming from the direction of the Welsh language lobby.

They only react in this debate when outsiders, institutions and certain Anglo-Welsh, attack their right (in their own country) to use, protect and preserve this lovely ancient language.

So I say to Ms Usher, it is in the best interests of the Welsh language for you to carry on enjoying your right to express your point of view, without fear or favour.

If any fear arises at all, it will only be to harm your pride when, and if ever, you come to realise the paucity of your thinking on this subject.

D Williams,
Rhoose.

'FAIR SHARES FOR OUR COUNTRY'

READERS may be aware that the Prime Minister announced further powers for Wales last weekend, following cross-party talks which I participated in as the leader of Plaid Cymru.

The UK Government's announcement confirmed that Wales will not get as good a deal on powers and funding as Scotland or Northern Ireland. This is without going into

changes that are under way within England.

Wales will not be given responsibility for policing, justice, the rail network, most aspects of our natural resources, air passenger tax, or a number of other domestic areas. We need to make these decisions in Wales, as the people who live here and have moved here know best about how the country should be run.

Following the Scottish referendum last year, it has been reiterated that the UK is a "family

of nations". If this is true, there can be no justification for Wales being treated any differently to the other devolved administrations.

It is Plaid Cymru's intention to secure a Wales Bill in the new Parliament that provides for equality of responsibility and resources for Wales. Our country must be given the opportunity to thrive as we know it can.

Leanne Wood,
Leader, Plaid Cymru – the Party of Wales.

Pulling rug from under Hinckley nuclear plant

WE are all expected to pay the proverbial 'arm and a leg' for the proposed new nuclear facility at Hinckley, (15 miles from Barry Island).

Unfortunately for some residents in Fukushima in 2011, they paid the ultimate 'higher price', as I heard first hand from a resident last week at a conference held in Cardiff Bay by the Nuclear Free Local Authorities (Cardiff being a member but sadly not my own authority, the Vale of Glamorgan Council).

A similar meeting was also held on Ynys Mon/Anglesey the following evening. Readers may not be aware that the Austrian Government have formally objected to the Hinckley development, due to the Westminster Government's subsidies being unfair when compared to 'cleaner' methods of energy generation.

We now know that the results of the first renewable energy auction held in the UK under its new 'contract for difference' pricing mechanism, 'greener' bids have pulled the rug from underneath the nuclear advocate argument that it is the cheapest form of clean

energy.

It has also surprised the UK Government, and some of the renewable developers themselves.

Both wind energy and solar came in at around £80/MWh, which is well below the £120/MWh budget for solar, and the £95/MWh by the UK Government, and the £92.50/MWh negotiated for the proposed £42 billion Hinckley C nuclear reactor.

The strike prices for these wind and solar technologies will be progressively scaled down in coming years.

I have arranged a presentation, to the scrutiny committee of housing and public protection, of emergency planning procedures in place in the event of an incident at Hinckley (I am not aware of Cardiff's policy at the time of writing).

The presentation is at 4.30pm on March 11 and is open to all members.

There is also limited space available in the public gallery.
Christopher Williams,
(Chairman – scrutiny committee for housing and public protection).

'Town was created over four decades'

IAPPLAUD you for your courage in providing both sides of the argument over the Darren Farm Estate, but I would like to bring some historical clarity to the issue: the people who created the wonderful town that is now Cowbridge are the people who have lived here since the 1970s.

The families that own a lot of the High Street have been our guardians. I went to the Old Hall grammar school classes in the 1960s, when every HGV on its way west rattled the windows ceaselessly.

Despite that, it was, arguably, the finest

grammar school in Wales.

The bypass proposed by town council released us from this industrialisation of the streets and the town flourished. Since the 1970s, the number of retail premises in Cowbridge has expanded, and not for nothing is it known as the Bond Street of Wales. All of this has been achieved by the combined efforts of the townspeople of the town of Cowbridge.

Cowbridge is what we, the townsfolk, made it over the last 40 years. Barry folk made a mess of their town, so why visit their incompetence on us?

Hywel Moelwyn Davies,
Cowbridge.

Jim and Brenda celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary

by GEM REPORTER

A Barry couple, Jim and Brenda Wilson, enjoyed a very special gathering of family and friends at St Andrew's Golf Club, on Saturday, February 28 – their diamond wedding anniversary.

Jim (81) told The GEM: "The event went very well and everyone enjoyed themselves."

Brenda (87) is Barry born and bred. She was brought up at Biglis Farm, which is located in Argae Lane, where her father was the bailiff.

Jim is from Calshot, on the fringe of the New Forest.

Jim explained: "In 1952 I was called up for National Service and sent on a training course to RAF St Athan."

"I came in to Barry to have a look around and met Brenda – it was April 1952."

"We were married on February 26, 1955 at St Andrew's Church, St Andrew's Major not far from where we celebrated on Saturday!"

After National Service, Jim worked in Barry for Moorwell Motors and as a salesman at Dan Evans.



The couple then moved to England when he worked for the MoD as a 'safety equipment worker'.

Later at St Athan as a civilian instructor he trained young airmen in the use of safety equipment – parachutes, life rafts and clothing used during flights.

He retired from RAF Halton in 1993 and Jim and Brenda returned to Barry the next year.

Jim said: "Brenda always agreed to the moves, but was pleased to return to Barry to be close to family."

Jim and Brenda celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary at St Andrew's Golf Club on Saturday, February 28, just a mile or so from where they were married!

Rhose library consultation

MONDAY, March 9 could be decision day for Rhose library. The Vale of Glamorgan Council will meet at 6pm that day to discuss the outcome of the consultation.

Meet at Rhose Social Club, Saturday, March 7 at 12 noon to find out what the report will say.

Cliff Darlington, Rhose.

Council Q&A

A PUBLIC question and answer session will follow the next Vale Council Community cabinet meeting at the Civic Offices in Barry on March 9.

It will take place in Committee Room 2 from 6pm-8pm and residents are invited to attend to talk to the cabinet members about issues affecting the Vale.

Contact 01446 709853, or visit the website: www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

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EXPERIMENTAL ORDER – ONE WAY TRAFFIC

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No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in a south easterly direction from its junction with Jenner Road for a distance of approximately 220 metres downhill to the junction of Porthkerry Road / Montgomery Road.

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Dated the 5th day of March 2015

M. E. Punter
Director of Visible Services & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2015 GORCHYMYN TRAFFIG ARBROFOL (TRINITY STREET, Y BARRI)

HYSBYSIR trwy hyn i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg, ar 2 Mawrth 2015, wneud Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol o dan adranau 1,2,9 a 10 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 1984 ('y Ddeddf'), a phob pŵer galluogi arall, ar ôl ymgynghori â phrif swyddog yr heddlu'n unol ag Atodlen 9 Deddf 1984.

Effaith y Gorchymyn Traffig Arbrofol - a ddaw i rym ar 1 Ebrill 2015, neu ar y dyddiad y bydd yr arwyddion a'r marciau ffordd priodol i gyd yn eu lle, pa un bynnag fo'r dyddiad diweddaraf - fydd yn union fel sydd wedi'i egluro yn yr Atodlen isod, tra pery.

Gwnaethom Orchymyn Traffig Arbrofol er mwyn gallu asesu effaith atal y traffig am gyfnod arbrofol cyn penderfynu'n derynol p'un ai i dderbyn ynteu gwrthod darpariaethau'r gorchymyn hwnnw.

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Trinity Street, Y Barri (o'r de i'r gogledd)

Ni chaiff unrhyw un yrru modur na chaniatáu i unrhyw un arall yrru modur i fyny'r rhiw o'r gyffordd â St Paul's Avenue / High Street hyd at y gyffordd â Porthkerry Road / Montgomery Road (sef pellter o ryw 145 metr) i gyfeiriad y gogledd orllewin.

Dyddiedig 5 Mawrth 2015

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai,
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
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ABOVE: Jim and Brenda got married at St Andrew's Church, St Andrew's Major, on February 26, 1955

Model Day

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Er mwyn derbyn y manylion diweddaraf trwy ebost am wasanaethau Menter Bro Morgannwg, yn ogystal â gweithgareddau neu ddiwyddiadau Cymraeg lleol eraill, cofiwch bod modd i chi gofrestru ar gyfer ein e-chlysur trwy wefan y Fenter!

LLAIS LLEOL - CARYL PARRY JONES

PA ardal o'r Fro ydych chi'n byw?

Dwi'n byw rhyw ddwy filltir i'r gogledd o'r Bontfaen ym mhentre bach Maendy. 'Dan ni wedi byw yna ers 27 mlynedd ac wedi hen wreiddio!

Beth ydy'r peth gorau am fyw yn y Bontfaen?

Mae'r Bontfaen yn bentre mewn gwirionedd. Mae 'na deimlad cymuned braf yna ac mae'n edrych yn fendigedig bob dydd, ymhob tywydd ac ymhob tymor. Mae'n gyfeus i Gaerdydd ac i'r Gorllewin ond mae hi bob amser yn braf iawn cael mynd yn ôl yna ar ddiwedd dydd.

Rhowch 5 gair i ddisgrifio'r Fro.

Amrywiol, Prydferth, Gwledig, Arfordirol, Gwahanol.

Beth ydy eich diddordebau?

Wel dwi'n falch o ddweud mai fy mhrif diddordeb i ydi 'ngwaith i sef cerddoriaeth. Ond dwi hefyd yn hoff iawn o goginio, rygbi a janglo.

Ers symud i'r Fro dros 25 mlynedd yn ôl, ydych chi'n gweld bod y Gymraeg wedi ennill ei statws?

Yn bendant. Dwi ddigon ffodus o fod wedi cael plant ymhob ysgol yng Nghaerdydd a'r Fro. Aeth Gideon fy llysfab i Lantaf. Pan aeth honno'n rhy fawr aeth plant Y Bontfaen i Blasmawr gan gynnwys fy merch hynaf, Elan ac wedyn wrth gwrs fe gawson ein hysgol Gymraeg ein hunain yn 2000 wedi i Blasmawr dyfu'n fawr ac yn iach. Aeth y tri arall, Miriam, Moe a Greta i Ysgol Bro Morgannwg ac mae honno wedi gosod stamp Gymraeg ym mhob un o ardaloedd ei dalgyth.

Roedd paratodau'r Eisteddfod yn 2012 yn ffordd arbennig o ddod i adnabod Cymry Gymraeg a di-Gymraeg yr ardal ac mae'r Gymraeg i'w chlywed fwyfwr yn Y Bontfaen ei hun... ac er gwaetha'r sylwadau hiliol wnaethpwyd yn y Gem yn ddiweddar, mae 'na ewylls da iawn tuag at yr Iaith yn y dref.

Beth yw eich uchelgais am y ddeng mlynedd nesaf?



Caryl Parry Jones.

Does gen i ddim un! Rioed wedi bod yn uchelgeisiol mae gen i ofn.

Gyda phwy fasech chi'n hoffi cael pryd o fwyd?

Hefo rhywun sy'n mynd i roi cymysgedd o sgwrs dda, ddofn a digon o hiwmor i mi.

Pwy ydych chi'n eu hedmygu?

Ffired a Meirir Ffrancis a'u teulu am eu gwaith diflino dros Y Gymraeg ac am bopeth sy'n gyfiawn.

Nyrsus.

Trefnwyr Angladdau.

Beth yw eich gwyliau delfryddol?

Gwneud dim byd ond bwyta, yfed a siarad yng nghwmni teulu a ffriadau mewn gwlad gynnes. Mi wnes i'r union beth llynedd yn Puerto Banus yn Sbaen a ro'dd o'n berffaith.

Lle yw eich hoff darafarn neu fwyty yn y Fro?

Ges i pizza ardderchog o Pizzeria Pronto ym Mhenarth yn ddiweddar. Cwt bach ar ochr y ffordd ydion yn gwerthu pizzas gwerth chweil i fynd hefo chi.

Fel arall dwi'n hoff iawn o Bar 44 fel rhywle i wrdd am banded.

Angharad

FFRACIO! Gair sy'n swinio fel rheg, ac yn air sy'n annog rhegfydd, yn enwedig pan fo'r gair yn gysylltiedig ag un o lecnau prydferthaf Bro Morgannwg.

Mae cwmni o'r enw Coastal Oil and Gas Ltd wedi gwneud cais i gynnal arbrofion ffirio yn Llantrithyd, ar dir amaethyddol ar ffordd Treisimwn i Llanfyllen rhwng y capel a Ffrem Caemaen. Pledleisiodd Pwyllogor Cynllunio Cynghor Bro Morgannwg o blaid y cais.

Dechreuodd y frwydr felly rhwng trigolion y pentrefi cyfagos a'r Cynghor ac mae blas digon cas eisoes yn yr ymgyrchu yn sgil penderfyniad dau ffermwr lleol i ganiatáu i Coastal Oil and Gas wneud cais am yr hawl i gynnal arbrofion ar eu tir nhw.

Dros hanner tymor fe aethom ni fel teulu am ddridiau i Normandi. Dyma un o ardaloedd prydferthaf Ffrainc yn llawn o bentrefi hynafol a'i chateau tylwyth teg; trefi canoloesol; ffermydd gwledig a'u siop seidr a calvados (blasu!).

traethau euraidd; hanes nodedig a phensaernïaeth unigryw. Nid oes llawer o ardaloedd yng Nghymru sy'n gallu cystadlu a'r fath brydferthwch nodedig, ond mae Bro Morgannwg yn un o'r lleoliadau prin hynny.

Yn focs siocled o dws gyda'r bythynod bach tō gwellt, cestyll hynafol,



eglwys i o bwys a thraethau o ddiddordeb daearyddol byd eang sut yn y byd gall y Cynghor sydd a rôl gwarchodol heb son am rôl i hybu gwaith a thwristiaeth feddwl am eiliad y byddai ffirio yn llesol?

Ac mae'n rhaid codi'r pwynt hefyd - os yw ffirio wedi ei wahardd yn Ffrainc, yr Almaen, Denton yn Texas (lle cyflwynwyd ffirio i'r byd) ac yn ddiweddar Efrog Newydd, pam yn y byd dylai gael ei ganiatáu mewn ardal mor hynod â Bro Morgannwg?

A phwy fyddai'n elwa o'r distryw? Faint o elw fyddai'n cael ei wneud yn sgil cymorthdaliadau wrth y llywodraeth a faint o'r elw hwnnw fyddai'n cael ei ddosannu'n deg i'r gymuned?

Nos Lun y 9fed o Fawrth byddaf yn caedrio noson agored 'A Question of Fracking' yn y Duke of Wellington yn y Bontfaen lle bydd cyfle gan bobl lleol i gwyled barn y gwleidyddion am ffirio. Dewch â'ch pryderon. Dewch â'ch cwestiynau. Dewch yn llw!

Calendr

Urdd Gobaith Cymru

7/03/15: Eisteddfod Cynradd Cylch Dwyrain Gorllewin a Bro Morgannwg, Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, 9am.

10/03/15: Eisteddfod Sir Dawns, Ysgol Fitzalan, 4pm.

13/03/15: Eisteddfod Uwchradd Lleisiol, Ysgol Plasmawr, 9am.

17/03/15: Cystadleuaeth CogURDD.

18/03/15: Eisteddfod Offerynnol Uwchradd Ysgol Glantaf, 2pm.

21/03/15: Eisteddfod Rhanbarth Cynradd, Ysgol Glantaf, 9am.

23/03/15: Eisteddfod Aelwydydd, Gwersyll yr Urdd, 6pm.

24/03/15: Cystadleuaeth Cân Actol, Ysgol Plasmawr, 4pm.

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10/03/2015: Taith gerdded

Taith gylch o Lanilltud Fawr - tua 4 milltir. Mae un set o risiau a dringo a sawl gamfa, a bydd angen esgidiau cryf a dillad addas. Cyfarfod ym maes parcio Neuadd y Dre am 10.30am. Croeso arbennig i ddysgwyr.

Enwau i / mwy o fanylion gan Shirley Williams - (029) 20615243 / s.williams642@btinternet.com

25/03/15: Diwrnod i hyrwyddo Dyfeisgarwch a Chymreictod ymnyg Merched

Siardwyr yn cynnwys Betsan Powys, Llinos Lanini, Lisa Feam, Ann Mears a Rhiannon Roberts. Rhaid cofrestru (am ddim) trwy ffonio 01970 611661 erbyn Mawrth 18.

9.30am - 3pm yng ngwesty'r Bear, y Bontfaen.

Cymrodorion y Barri

17/03/15: Sgwrs ar gyfer Dydd Sant Padrig gan yr Athro Diarmait Mac Giolla Christ.

Cadeirydd y Noson yw Ewryn Ogwen. 7.15pm yn Ffestri Capel y Tabernacl, y Barri.

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Cynghor Bro Morgannwg

BOB nos Lun 6.30-9pm yng Nghanolfan Palmerston; Dosbarthiadau wythnosol gan gynnwys Gwario, Dosbarth Canu, Crefftau, Cofsi, Sgwrs a Gemau Bwrdd.

23/03/15: Clwb Llyfrau - "I Ble'r Aeth Haul y Bore?" gan Eurig Wyn; 7pm-8pm yng Nghanolfan Palmerston.

27/03/15: Darlith a Chinio, 'Allfudo o Gymru' (gan Bob Puw); 12.15pm-2pm yng Ngholeg Cymunedol y

Tanio'r Ddraig yn Nant Talwg!

ROEDD cyffro mawr yn Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Talwg yn ystod wythnos olaf mis Chwefror a'r ysgol yn ferw gwyllt wrth i'r plant ddathlu wythnos o Gymreictod. Yn draddodiadol wrth gwrs, mae'r cynnod yma yn orlawn o ddathliadau Gwyl Ddewi ac yn gyfnod o hyrwyddo popeth Cymreig.

A dyna'n union a gafwyd yn Ysgol Nant Talwg. Rhoddwyd yr amserlen ffurfiol o'r neilltu ac fe drefnwyd amrywiaeth o weithgareddau i danio ffilm y Ddraig!

Cafodd y plant flas mawr ar goginio gyda Mrs Jan Roche. Roedden nhw wrth eu bodau yn pobi bisgedi'r Ddraig a bisgedi Cennin Pedr - heb un Pice ar y Maen i'w gweld yn unman! Ac o dan oruchwylieth Ms Sharon Broderick a Mr Tomos Rogers fe gafodd y plant gyfle i gyfrannu at waith celf swmpus ar y thema 'Fy Nghymru'.

Roedd cryn gynnwrf yn yr ysgol pan gyrhaeddodd rhai o gymeriadau mwyaf lliwgar S4C. 'Heini' oedd y cyntaf i gyrraedd ac fe roddodd hi wersi ffrwydd i bob dosbarth. Yna, daeth Pepa Pinc, ei ffriid George ac yna Sam Tân ei hun! Profiad fythgofiadwy a phawb yn gysgod i gael llofnod!

Efallai mai uchafbwynt yr wythnos oedd yr



Eisteddfod Ysgol. Cafwyd cystadlaethau ffurfiol fel unawdau a llefaru a chystadlaethau mwy anffurfiol fel Dawnsio Stryd.

Braf oedd cael croesawu Teilo Evans sef cyfeiliydd swyddogol Cŵr Ysgol Nant Talwg a Jodi Bird o Britain's Got Talent i fod yn feirmaid. Dyma feirmaid i'r dyfodol yn sicr!

Fe welwyd perfformiadau gwyb ar lwyfan yr eisteddfod a roedd cryn frwydr rhwng y llysoedd ond yn fuddugol eleni oedd Llys Illtud.

Ar ddiwedd yr wythnos daeth y rhieni i'r ysgol i gael blas o fwrllwm Tanio'r Ddraig ac yn goron ar y cwbl daeth pawb ynghyd yn un teulu mawr i ganu *Calon Lân Tân* ei hun! Profiad fythgofiadwy a phawb yn gysgod i gael llofnod! Efallai mai uchafbwynt yr wythnos oedd yr



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GIGS BACH Y FRO



Noson Gomedï.

CYNHALIWIYD digwyddiad cyntaf Gigs Bach y Fro ar gyfer 2015 yng nghanol mis Chwefror, gyda Noson Gomedï yng ngwesty'r Parc yn Y Barri.

Daniel Glyn oedd yn llywio'r noson, a chafwyd perfformiadau gwych hefyd gan Steffan Alun a Noel James.

Diolech yn fawr i'r tri ohonynt. Roedd y noson yn un prysur a hwyliog iawn, ac roedd mor braf gweld cynulleidfia mor niferus yn mynychu a'n mwynhau comedi Cymraeg.

Bu'r digwyddiad yn un llwyddiannus tu hwnt felly'r bwriad ydy i drefnu Noson Gomedï arall yn y Barri cyn diwedd y flwyddyn – gwyliwch allan am y manylion!

Yn y cyfamser, mae'r rhaglen yn parhau, ac mae Gigs Bach y Fro yn dod i'r Bontfaen ar gyfer ei digwyddiad nesaf! Caiff y Gig Gwerin ei drefnu mewn partneriaeth â Cwprdd Nansi, ac yn perfformio bydd Chris Jones a Band Nantgarw (grŵp o offerynnwyr gwerin bywiog a talentog tu hwnt). Caiff ei gynnal ar nos Wener 27ain o Fawrth 2015 yn y Duke of Wellington, Y Bontfaen, gyda'r drysau'n agor am 8pm. Croeso i bawb! Mae modd archebu tocynnau o flaen llaw (£8 yr un) trwy gysylltu â ni: ffion@menterbromorgannwg.org / 029 20689888.

Caiff y prosiect ei drefnu mewn partneriaeth rhwng Menter Bro Morgannwg, Clwb Ifor Bach a Cwprdd Nansi, dan nawdd Cyngor Celfyddydau Cymru a Llywodraeth Cymru. Cydnabyddir hefyd gefnogaeth BOOM Pictures Cymru, Cyngor Tref y Barri, Cyngor Tref Penarth a Chyngor Cymunedol Dinas Powys.



Chris Jones.

Adran Chwaraeon yr Urdd

Clybiau

MAE yna ystod eang o gylbiau chwaraeon cymunedol yn ail-ddechrau ar ôl hanner tymor – gan gynnwys Nofio, Athletau o dan do, Tennis Bwrdd, Plantos Heini a Gymnasteg – ac maent yn cael eu cynnal mewn amryw o leoliadau ar draws y Fro.

Am fwy o wybodaeth ac i gofrestru, ewch i wefan yr Urdd, neu chysylltwch â Swyddog Chwaraeon Bro Morgannwg ar y manylion isod.



Cyfloedd Hyfforddiant
DROD 15 oed? Diddordeb mewn hyfforddi chwaraeon? Beth am ymuno â thîm hyfforddi Adran Chwaraeon yr Urdd? Cewch brofiad mewn gweithio gyda phlant a phobl ifanc. Cewch dderbyn hyfforddiant ac ennill cymhwysterau mewn hyfforddi chwaraeon. Byddwch hefyd yn derbyn cit hyfforddi Chwaraeon yr Urdd.

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'JEST DAL ATI' – Neges Nia Parry i bawb!
UNWAITH eto cawsom Gwrs Sadwrn o fri ble roedd bwrllwm o siarad Cymraeg ymysg dysgwyr Caerdydd a'r Fro.

Ar ddiwrnod Sant Ffolant yn yr Hen Neuadd cafodd pob tiwtor rhosyn cyn iddynt ddechrau ar ddysgu.

'Cariad' ac 'S4C' oedd prif themau y diwrnod a digon hawdd yw clymu'r ddau at ei gilydd oherwydd ein cariad at Gymreictod.

Ond, uchafwynt y dydd oedd ymweliad Nia Parry. Daeth yn i gwrdd a'n dysgwyr gan drafod ei bywyd a'i anturiaethau cyn iddi siarad am rhaglen newydd i'n dysgwyr ar S4C, Dal Ati. Mae'r rhaglen yn cynnig dwy awr o raglenni wedi eu teulwra'n arbennig ar gyfer dysgwyr Canolradd ac Uwch er mwyn rhoi gwybodaeth, geirfa, hyder a mwynhad wrth iddynt barhau ar y daith i ddod yn rhugl.

Mae Nia yn barod yn ymweld â chartrefi enwogion Cymru mewn cyfres newydd o'r enw Adre sydd yn dechrau am 11:30 (ni ddaeth i dŷ Glyn Wise diolech byth – gormod o lanast a llwch!). Mae hefyd yn trafieilio ar draws Cymru ac yn sgwrsio gyda sawl person diddorol ar draws y wlad am eu bywydau.

"Mae'n bwysig i ddysgwyr glywed acenion o bob ardal o Gymru," meddai Nia Parry, sydd yn byw yn Rhostryfan ger Caernarfon, ac sydd wedi treulio nifer o flynyddoedd yn dysgu Cymraeg i oedolion.

"Mi fydd yn neis cyfarfod pob math o bobl o wahanol rannau o Gymru ar Adre, a dysgu am eu cymdeithasau, a'u bywydau. Yn aml iawn beth sy'n anodd i ddysgwyr yw ffeindio cyfleoedd i siarad Cymraeg, a ffeindio siaradwyr Cymraeg sydd â digon o amynedd i ymarfer gyda nhw! Felly gobeithio bydd Dal Ati yn rhoi hyder iddyn nhw barhau efo'r dysgu."

Dwyed Nia fod clywed dysgwyr yn

meistrol'i'r iaith yn gwneud iddi hi deimlo'n fwy hyderus am yr iaith Gymraeg:

"Mae o'n codi calon, mae o'n gwneud i chdi deimlo bod yr iaith yn saffach 'na ti'n ei feddwl. 'Da ni angen diolech i'r dysgwyr am wneud ymdrech i ddysgu'r iaith, a gwneud buddsoddiad."

Yn ogystal â'r ddwy awr ar fore Sul, mae gwasanaeth Dal Ati yn cynnwys gwefan ap arbennig. Mae gwefan (www.s4c.co.uk/dalati) ac ap Dal Ati yn cynnwys geirfa, gemau, clipiau fideo a sain, deialog ac ymarferion iaith o bob math fydd yn cynnig help llaw ychwanegol i ddysgwyr Cymraeg canolradd i uwch.

Yn wir, roedd pawb wedi mwynhau ei chwmmi a gorffennom y diwrnod drwy ganu anthem Cymru! Roedd yn ddiwrnod arbennig! Os ydych chi eisiau fwy o wybodaeth am y cyrsiau Sadwrn nesaf ewch i'n gwefan www.learnwelsh.co.uk neu dilynwch ni ar Facebook neu Twitter.

GLYN WISE

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oedd y bonheddw'r lleol a ddaeth o hyd i'r enw Dinas Powys yn ôl yn 1043, pan oedd ymweliad wythnosol gan lori ailgylchu ddim ond yn freuddwyd ac iaith y stryd oedd Cymraeg. Dewisodd Iestyn ab – neu gael ei annog yn hytrach – i briodi Denis, merch Bleddyn ab Cynfyn, tywysog Powys. Nid Denis yn ystyr y chwaraewr pêl-droed o'r Alban cofiwch, ond fel sy'n cael ei ynganu yn y gan bop siriol "Denis" (Denis!) gan Blondie, grŵp sydd â bron dim cysylltiad gyda Bro Morgannwg ag eithro safle cadarnhaol yn Ford Focus fy ngwraig (mae'n gyrru Chelsea Tractor i ddweud y gwir ond ry ni'n cadw'r ymfrosto hynny i faes parcio'r ysgol).

Castell Denis-Powys felly... dyna darddiad enw'r pentref, ac roedd gweiddillion eu tŷ crand/castell yn le arbennig o ddiogel i'r bobl leol cadw eu gwartheg a'u hunain yng ngweddillion y castell yn ystod y canrifoedd anodd oedd ar y ffordd i Ddinas

Powys. Diolech i uned ymchwil Penarth llyfrgell ble maent yn ceisio y gorau gallen nhw i ddarparu'r Gymraeg, felly cefnogwch eich llyfrgell

leol! Sy'n awgrymu yn gry' fy mhrosiect lleol nesaf yn wir. Af ati i ddarllen yn fwy gogyfer â phethau Sili y tro nesaf. Tan hynny, da bo.

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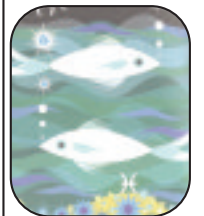


Diolech i Alcwyn Deiniol Evans am rannu'r llun hyfryd hwn o Bier Penarth. Ydych chi'n hoff o dynnu lluniau? Danfonwch nhw aton ni i'w cyhoeddu yn y rhifyn nesaf!

Sêr gan Eiry Palfrey PISCES



Eiry Palfrey



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OS cawsom eich geni rhwng Chwefror 20 a Mawrth 21 rydych chi'n perthyn i arwydd Pisces – arwydd dwr dan reolaeth y blaned Neifion.

Rydych chi'n freuddwydiwr, ond yn berson caredig, goddefgar a chariadus. Mae eraill yn dylanwadu'n hawdd arnoch chi oherwydd mae'n gas gyda chi frifo unrhyw un.

Rydych chi'n ei chael hi'n anodd i wneud penderfyniadau, ac yn dueddol o ddianc rhag unrhyw sefyllfa anodd neu hyll – a rydych chi'n or-ramantus ar adegau. Mae ffantasi yn chwarae rhan bwysig yn eich bywyd.

Ond, ry'ch chi'n berson ysbrydol a chyfrin er y gallwch chi weithiau fod yn gwbl anymarferol a diog. Fe allwch ymddangos fel pe baech yn diodde o ddifffyg hunan hyder, ond yn eich ffordd fach dawl fe allwch gyflawni cryn dipyn.

Rydych chi'n berson hynaws, hoffus ac yn ardderchog fel help mewn argyfwng, mor bellled a mae rhywun arall yn trefnu'r sefyllfa.

Rydych chi'n hoff o anifeiliaid ac yn berson sensitif tu hwnt, ac yn anhygoel o ddagreul ac emosïynol. Weithiau fe ewch i'ch cragen i osgoi cael eich brifo. Rydych chi'n greadigol iawn yn enwedig yn y celfyddydau. Mae tuedd gyda chi (fel y pysgodyn) i fynd gyda'r llanw. Weithiau cewch eich temptio i osgoi cyfrifoldeb trwy freuddwydio, alcohol neu gyffuriau.

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Vale Bridge

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge club, St David's day Celtic Sims night on March 2:

1st Liam Sheridan & Glenda Roberts 62.12%, 2nd Trish Roe & Anne Hughes 61.57%, 3rd Tony Ratcliff & Julian Pottage 61.36%.

Kyokushin make long trip to Scotland

ON Saturday, February 21, five members of Barry Kyokushin travelled to Scotland to compete in the IKKU (Independent Kyokushinkai Karate Union) sixth Scottish Open - a full contact karate competition.

Barry Kyokushin took three competitors and two referees to this prestigious event, and Sarah Walker was first to compete in Women's Novice Lightweight, stepping onto the mat in front of hundreds of competitors and spectators from several different countries.

Sarah was fortunate enough to have a place in the final, but came up against a much taller and higher graded competitor. Sarah put on a difficult fight and drove forward with hard punches and kicks, but unfortunately missed out on a first place, but took home a very well deserved second place, a great achievement.

Chris Mason was next to represent Barry Kyokushin in Men's Novice Lightweight. Chris' first fight was very testing and lasted four minutes, but after several head kicks and knockout punches from Chris, he took the fight and sailed through to the final by referee decision.

Chris' final competitor was very strong and talented, but Chris put up a great fight and drove forward with a barrage of punches. Unfortunately, Chris' competition pipped the first place, but Barry Kyokushin are proud of Chris' second place in his first competition with the club.

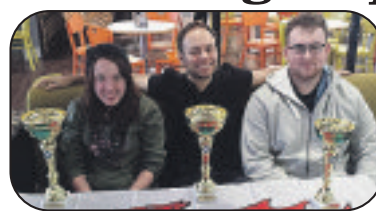
Rob Miller was last up for the club, competing in Men's Novice Heavy Weight. Rob stepped onto the mat full of determination, and the crowd and his competitor could see that the fight lasted 30 seconds, after Rob pushed his other competitor with incredibly strong punches.

This fight secured Rob one of the fastest knockouts of the day. His next fighter was very strong and Rob was unfortunate to lose his second fight, after a barrage of kicks to the legs, but had another chance at fighting to secure a third place.

Rob's final competitor pulled out, safely securing Rob a third place, a great achievement for his first full contact competition.

Club instructor Senpai Phill Sedgmond commented: "It's been a very long time since we had fighters in Barry Kyokushin who have been interested in knockdown fighting. We have always trained towards it, it is the nature of the style.

"Over the years we



have had great success in Kata, in Cadet semi contact and Clicker, bringing home champions every time but these guys trained very hard towards this event. We put on extra sessions for them so they could get some great one on one tuition with me, and we even brought our old club instructor back Sensei Richard Males for a few sessions.

"Sensei Richard had a very long career as a knockdown fighter and his knowledgeable lessons were the icing on the cake for these budding fighters. They came away from the IKKU (Independent Kyokushinkai Karate Union) Scottish open with some very respectful places, two second places and a third place.

"I'm very proud of these fighters, as I am with all my fighters, they represented our club and our country and did so with great respect for their competitors," he added.

Barry Kyokushin Karate club train out of Castleland community



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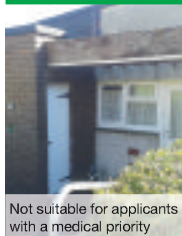
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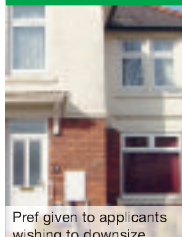
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POULTNEY

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Celebration of his life to be held at 11am Friday, March 13 at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium. Family request Welsh rugby shirts to be worn or red attire optional. Family flowers only donation to Cancer Research in lieu.

THOMAS

Maureen

Peacefully, on February 23 at Llandough Hospital, Maureen, late of Fonnmon Road, Fontygary, beloved wife of the late Noel, dearly loved mother of Ann, Mavis and Haydn, much loved mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother.

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TROTT

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PHILLIPS

Kathleen (Kathy)

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Resting at W.A. Brown & Son until the funeral service on Friday, 13 March in Coychurch Crematorium at 1.15pm. Family flowers only but donations may be made to Cancer Research UK (cheques only) c/o the Funeral Home.

DANCEY

Enid

Peacefully on February 24th at the University Hospital of Wales, Enid, well known of Barry Island, sadly passed away in her 97th year. Devoted wife to the late Tiny, much loved mum of Jayne, Brian, Penny, and the late Carole. A cherished nan, great nan and great great nan.

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JONES

Mervyn Gordon

Joan and family would like to thank everyone who attended Mervyn's funeral on February 17, and for many sympathy cards received.

Special thanks to Reverend Peter and Deacon Sam Taylor for conducting a lovely service and W James & Sons, Fonnmon for all their help.

BLANCHARD

Emmeline Mona

Peacefully on 19 February at The Barry Hospital, Emmeline Mona in her 102nd year, previously of Oxford Street, Barry. Beloved wife of the late Albert, dearly loved mother of Christine. Mona will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

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DAVIES

Wilf

Val and Sandy wish to thank all who attended Wilf's funeral on February 19; all our family, friends and neighbours for all their support and kindness which got us through a very difficult time.

Special thanks to Andy Thomas for his care and compassion, Reverend Huw Butler and Reverend Canon David Brunning for the very moving service. We would also like to thank all who cared for Wilf during his very sad illness; Beryl, Mike and staff at The Victoria Inn for the excellent spread they put on; everyone for the donations made towards the Alzheimer's Society.

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COOPER

Ernest Charles Raymond (Ray)

Peacefully passed away on February 28, 2015 at The Forge Care Centre, Ely, with his family by his side, aged 90 years. Devoted husband to the late Pat, loving Dad to Lorraine and Paul, father-in-law to Brian, cherished grand to Daniel and Nathan, adored great grand to Cai, Charlie, Lloyd, Jacob and Lucas. Fondly thought of by Jolene and Allison.

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EDWARDS

Carole and her family would like to thank everyone for attending Marsden's funeral on February 26. Thanks also for the many lovely cards and letters of sympathy, donations to Y Bwthyn Newydd, the lovely service by Reverend Birkin and for the funeral arrangements by W.A. Brown & Son of Llantwit Major.

INGRAM

Guy

Peacefully on March 2, Guy passed away at home surrounded by his family. He will be deeply missed by wife Clare, daughter Sophie, son Richard, and his fiancée Christina and his grandson Oscar, and all extended family and friends.

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PUGH

Elizabeth Mary (Betty)

Peacefully at Brocastle Care Home on February 17th, Betty, much loved wife of the late Tal. Loving mother grandmother and great grandmother, will be sadly missed. Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Monday, March 9th at 11.30am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers made payable to The Alzheimer's Society, forwarded to 16 Columbus Walk, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff, CF10 4BY.

DAVIES

Freda

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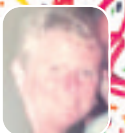
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Proposal/Cynnig: Partial demolition and rebuild of coach house to form residential unit
Location:/Lleoliad: 1, Rectory Road, Penarth
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth: Penarth

Conservation Area Consent/ Caniatâd Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/00206/CAC
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Location:/Lleoliad: 1, Rectory Road, Penarth
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth: Penarth

Listed Building Consent/Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/00147/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: The demolition and removal of the existing granite and brick machine bases from South Range, and associated reconstruction in the external public area
Location:/Lleoliad: North Hydraulic Pumping House, Hood Road, Barry
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2014/01464/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Change of use of existing mixed Class B1 (Business), B2 (General Industrial), B8 (Storage and Distribution) warehouses known as Hangars A and B to a, waste transfer station, storage of municipal waste and ancillary offices (Sui Generis) and erection of a weighbridge and weighbridge office.
Location:/Lleoliad: Hangars A and B, Llantwit Major Road, Llandow

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/00031/OUT
Proposal/Cynnig: Outline application for a wood fired renewable energy plant
Location:/Lleoliad: David Davies Road, Woodham Road, Barry

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/00076/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Redevelopment of the site for 34 dwellings, car parking and any associated works
Location:/Lleoliad: Ysgol Maes Dylfan, Gibbonsdown Rise, Barry

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/00095/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Construction of eighteen dwellings and associated works
Location:/Lleoliad: Ardwyn, Pen Y Turnpike Road, Dinas Powys

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Rhif y cais: 2015/00143/RES
Proposal/Cynnig: Development of site known as West Pond for residential development (14 dwellings) and associated infrastructure works, parking, servicing and landscaping.
Location:/Lleoliad: West Pond, The Waterfront, Barry

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Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed solar photovoltaic system with an output of 10MW including raising of ground levels
Location:/Lleoliad: ABP Port of Barry, Atlantic Way, Barry

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/00203/FUL
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40-mile race returns to Jenner Park

**SUNDAY, March 8,
sees the return of
an extraordinary
test of endurance,
the Barry 40 Miles
track race, at the
Jenner Park
Stadium.**

Racing over such arduous distances pre-dates the modern Olympic Games and was very popular in the mid and late 19th century. In Wales too, many such races were held in Maindy Stadium, Cardiff, and the first sub-four hour 40 miles was achieved there in 1967.

The local equivalent at Barry was first held on the cinder track in 1986 and was won by local athlete Mick McGeoch, who remains the race director today. After converting the track to a synthetic surface the following year, the Barry 40 has been held every year, and has earned its place as a cult event on the global ultra calendar.

In the previous 28 editions no less than 59 world best performances have been set, and three Barry winners have gone on to win global titles – Carolyn Hunter-Rowe (1993), Simon Pride (1999) and Lizzy Hawker (2006).

This year's field of 22 is as exciting as any in the past, and one need look no further than the entry of Steven Way (Bournemouth AC). In 2007, Steven was five stone overweight, working far too many hours in a stressful job and had a very unhealthy diet. A familiar tale perhaps, except that he decided to do something about it.

He started running and found some talent he never realised he had. Within six months he ran the London Marathon in 2:35. Last year he ran it in 2:16. That caught the eye of the English selectors who picked him for the Glasgow Commonwealth Games Marathon. He placed 10th in 2:15:16, thereby breaking the UK over-40 record of Ron Hill which had stood since 1979.

In the meantime, he'd also shattered the UK record for 100km in May at Gravesend, recording 6:19:20 for the 62 miles (an average of 6:07 miling!)

The winner from the last two years, Pieter Vermeesch (Belgium) returns, as does the 2012 winner, Grant Jeans from Glasgow.

Four of the entries are ladies, with the likely favourite Isobel Wykes (Truro) making

her Barry debut. Best known as a classy 100km performer, Isobel stepped up in distance last year and recorded 230.134 km (144 miles) in the national 24-hour championships at Tooting Bec in September.

As a result of that performance she was picked for the GB squad for the World 24 hour championships, which will be held in Turin in five weeks time. Local athlete Natasha Farid-Doyle, who won the Welsh title here two years ago, is another to watch, and the 217km she recently ran at the Barcelona 24 hours in December has earned her a reserve place on that GB squad.

Last year's Barry 40 ladies winner Jayne Angilly returns from Cornwall to defend her title, and completing a very impressive quartet is Loretta Daley, who is a three time winner of the Welsh title here.

As always the race incorporates the Welsh Ultradistance Championships, and 10 of the athletes qualify for that.

With Wales hosting the UK 100km championships at Redwick on Saturday, May 2, a race which incorporates the Anglo Celtic Plate i.e. Home Countries Team Championship, the athletes will have the added incentive of trying to catch the selectors' eye.

The great thing about ultradistance is that every athlete has a tale to tell – a special reason for competing, if you like.

Such tales are invariably inspiring, but none more so than that of Geoff Oliver. Geoff has run here many times before, 11 in all, and has set five world best performances – he is now 81!

Last September he attempted to run 100 miles in the National 24 hour championships. Failing by just half a lap, the timekeepers left him on the track to record a new World over-80 best of 24 hours, 1 minute and 17 seconds, and seven other world bests at intermediate distances.

You can be sure that Geoff will be attempting to better those marks here at Barry.

As ever, the race will start at 10am and admission is free.

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Cottrell ladies enjoy some St David's fun!



**THE ladies of
Cottrell Park
planned a St
David's
golfing
competition
on
Thursday, February
26.**

Unfortunately it was a horrendously wet day, so rain stopped play – however, undaunted, they continued with their hat competition representing daffodils, leeks and dragons. A lot of effort went in to the hat making and there was a good assortment of lovely creations.

The competition was won by daffodil Margaret Rees. They had lots of fun and then enjoyed their lunch.

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JSTKD STUDENTS MAKE THEIR BOW



**THE new Sport Team
members at JSTKD Martial
Arts & Fitness got their first
taste of competition at the
recent TAGB Tae Kwon Do
Welsh Closed Championships.**

Held at the Caerleon campus of the University of south Wales, this large regional competition has over 500 competitors and attracts not only clubs from the area but from further afield such as north Wales and south west England.

JSTKD's new members fought well and gained valuable experience as they took part in their respective divisions.

They were given excellent support from the existing team members who once again came home with medals – Josh Edwards took the bronze in the boys' peewee black belt contest and added a silver in the tag team event.

Younger brother Sean also took a

silver in his tag team event. After an exciting and energetic series of fights, Alan Li just lost out on the gold and had to be content with a silver in the boys' heavyweight black belt division.

He then doubled up with a silver in the boys' black belt tag team competition. Lynne Doel made sure the adults didn't come home empty handed, claiming the bronze in the ladies Blue Belt division.

The team members are drawn from JSTKD's clubs throughout the Vale. The new recruits are now looking forward to putting their knowledge to good use when they take part in the English Championships later this Month.

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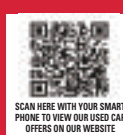
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Cottrell youngsters are among the prizewinners



PICTURED, left to right: Megan, Jordan, and Daniel.

COTTRELL PARK was the best It was also the most successful, represented club in the Celtic with the following juniors winning Manor Open recently, despite four prizes: Megan Cullinane – girls of the juniors being unable to second place; Daniel Thomas – boys third place; Jordan Taylor – secure a place.

Under-6s' fun football

UNDER-6 fun football is booming in the Vale with record participation figures recorded.

The fun football provision is run by PG10 and supported by the FAW Trust and Everton FC Academy.

Since the provision opened two months ago, football opportunities for children aged five and six years old has risen from nothing to having regularly over a hundred under-6 children playing football. All the games are

non-competitive played in a 4v4 format and under the FAW mini football rules.

As well as the football opportunities coaches are also assisted with coaching sessions to aid player development throughout the week in their training sessions.

The provision is open to any child and any junior club in the area.

For more information please contact petegriff10@hotmail.co.uk.

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ABOVE: Welsh rugby players put on a funny face for Red Nose Day...

Teaming up for Red Nose Day!

MEMBERS of the Welsh rugby team have took time out of their Six Nations training to show support for Red Nose Day 2015.

Jake Ball, Samson Lee and Taulupe Faletau pulled their funniest faces to show how easy it is to take part in this year's campaign and raise some all-important cash.

In a video urging the Welsh public to make their faces funny for money, team mates took advantage and high tackled Wales lock, Jake with a shower of this year's Red Noses – available from Sainsbury's, Oxfam and rednoseday.com for just £1.

For Red Nose Day 2015, people all over Wales will be making their faces funny for money to help people living tough lives here in Wales, across the UK and Africa. Fundraising kits, giving pages and all the latest Red Nose Day stories are available from rednoseday.com. To really look the part, fundraisers can pick up the official Red Nose Day t-shirt from TK Maxx.

We welcome your sports news, reports and other items of interest - email us at: gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk

STUD MANAGER JESSICA'S AWARD



Ryan Moore, Jessica Fortt and Clare Baldwin.

HORSE racing in Wales, and especially in the Vale, received a tremendous boost recently when Ogmore-by-the-Sea born Jessica Fortt, stud manager at the Dunraven Stud, Pyle near Bridgend, was awarded the top prize at the Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards in London.

Jessica received the trophy and a cheque for £40,000, half of which will be shared among the staff at the stud.

Jessica, a former jockey, who never rode a winner as she never sat on a horse that was capable of winning, used to work for Ystradowen trainer Bryn Palling before she worked at the Dunraven Stud founded by David Brace OBE.

She was the only Welsh competitor to reach the final stage in any of the categories of this prestigious competition. Former National Hunt jockey Brough Scott, chairman of the judging panel, said: "This year's awards have yet again produced a quite outstanding set of finalists and excellent winners. Despite not being the typical stud staff breed, at less than five feet tall she shows empathy with each stallion and a natural way of handling them that means her lack of

physicallity is not an issue.

"She has been, and is still involved in all parts of the game, as well as stud life and is also a magnificently refreshing character."

Mr Brace was also full of praise for Jessica and said: "She deserved the award as she is so dedicated and hardworking," while Jessica said: "I'm totally shocked, I didn't expect to win at all. To be one of the finalists is fantastic and to win overall is just incredible, I'm so pleased."

The winners were decided at a formal judging day held in the morning before the ceremony at the British Horseracing Authority's London office, where the finalists were interviewed by members of the judging panel.

Tom's hunter chase winner

LLANHARAN'S Tom David, riding the 10-year-old bay gelding Woodview Prince, easily landed the hunter chase at Leicester last week, despite his mount making a mistake at the last fence.

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Captain Brian drives off in style!



A magnificent opening drive of 169 yards by incoming captain Brian Jones launched the start of the new golfing season for the members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society assembled at Southerndown Golf Club last Thursday.

Competing for the 'Southerndown Cup' and the many quality prizes supplied by generous sponsor Mr. Glyn Watts-Jones, 38 competitors set off all hoping to return home with a little silverware.

At the end of what proved a memorable day for some, Martyn David playing on his home course and with 39 stableford points proved a worthy winner. Runner up was another Southerndown member Griff Morgan who scored 35 points. Aubrey Bowen finished third with 33 points and Chris Watson fourth with 31 points.

In the section for the guests James Rees with 26

points finished runner-up to Pyle & Kenfig member Richard Dyke, who scored 28 points.

Nearest the pin on the Llanerch Vineyard and Restaurant sponsored par three holes were captain Brian Jones, Jim Hayes and the two David Williams'.

Chris Rooney hit the longest drive to collect the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge sponsored prize and Lyn Thomas collected the special prize for guessing the distance of the captain's opening drive.

Griff Morgan rounded off a good day by successfully guessing 38 balls would spend the night in the thick gorse surrounding this course to take home the premier Turf Ltd sponsored bottle of whiskey which raised £82 for the Marrie Currie support group.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26 at Cottrell Park.

T.McC

Glamorgan Farmers' golf awards

THE GFGS presentation evening was held on Friday, February 20 at The Bear Hotel, Cowbridge.

The winners were:
February: David Williams at Southerndown, sponsor Mr Glyn Watts-Jones.

March: Keith Davies at St Pierre, sponsor Hire One Ltd.

April: Clive Edwards at Cardiff, sponsor Gaskell & Walker & Co.

May: Dan Jarvis at Cottrell Park (Buttton), sponsor Mr Mark Rees and family.

June: John Caines at Minchinhampton, sponsor Payton, Jewell & Caines.

July: Tony McCarthy and David Williams at Langland Bay, sponsor Maesglas Veterinary Group.

August: Glyn Watts-Jones at Pontardawe, sponsor Anthony Brown & Co.

September: Neil McLean at Neath,

sponsor Arthur John & Co.

October: Godfrey Lewis at The Monmouthshire, sponsor Kelly & Harris, NFU Mutual.

November: Clive Edwards at Newport, sponsor Herbert R Thomas & Co.

December: Brian Jones at RAF St Athan, sponsor St Athan Society members.

January: John Caines at Swansea Bay, sponsor Llanharan Concrete & Co Ltd.

The David Evans (Agriculture) Ltd Trophy played at Waterford, Ireland: winner, David Williams.

The Hibbee Trophy: Winner, Brian Jones with 38 points scored at St Athan.

The Nipper Jewell Knockout Cup: runner-up, Mike Lee; winner, Dan Jarvis.

The President's Putter: winner, Glyn Watts-Jones with 234 points.

BRIDGE RESULTS

RESULTS for Cowbridge and District (Llanbleddian) Bridge Club:

February 3: 1st Pam Higgs and Brenda Grove 72.73%; 2nd Teri Pollard and Anne Hughes 61.11%; 3rd Mearl Owen and Amy Owen 57.83%.

February 10: 1st Pam Higgs and Brenda Grove 63.0%; 2nd = Mary Wallis and Myrtle Hansard 60.0%; 2nd = Barbara and Colin

Easterbrook 60.0%. February 17: 1st Barbara and Colin Easterbrook 65.0%; 2nd Mary Thomas and Denis Barker 57.5%; 3rd Luba Ashworth and Joan Bird 56.25%.

February 24: 1st Dennis Smith and Denis Barker 70.13%; 2nd Ann Miller and Judith Nunn 59.74%; 3rd Helen and Mike Rutley 58.12%.

ME

COWBRIDGE DARTS LEAGUE ROUND-UP

ON Tuesday, February 24, a full programme of league matches was completed.

The Highwayman Inn strengthened their hold on third slot by winning 7-2 against their nearest rivals the Edmondes A. The Edmondes B defeated the Hare and Hounds 6-3, helped along by Martin Gaffney hitting a 126 out, finishing on the bull.

The league leaders Llanharan beat the Old Post Ladies 9-0. The Farmers Arms won 7-2 against the Edmondes C, with Nigel Thomas (Farmers Arms) hitting a 148 three dart out, the best three dart out so far this season.

Present league standings after 16 matches, are:

Llanharan (120 points), Edmondes B (93), Highwayman Inn (84), Edmondes A (74), Hare and Hounds (65), Farmer's Arms (59), Edmondes C (51) and Old Post Ladies (28).

On Tuesday, March 10, there is a full programme of league matches. The Edmondes A hosts the Edmondes B, the Old Post Ladies hosts the Edmondes C, the Highwayman Inn hosts Llanharan and the Hare and Hounds hosts the Farmers Arms.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com; up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

Life savers impress!



A team of 13 juniors from Llantwit Major Surf Life Saving Club recently competed at the 2015 Welsh Stillwater Championships at the Wales National Pool in Swansea.

There were 24 teams taking part, including some competitors from Germany and the Netherlands.

Llantwit Major juniors had been training hard for the two day event and achieved some excellent results. The highlight of the weekend was Will Thoams and Louie John winning a silver medal in the rope rescue at their first junior event.

At the end of day, two of our senior girls, Tamara Pitt and Lauren Guercio, joined forces with two competitors from Germany to compete in the medley relay, which was a great experience for them. The team came 12th overall.

MF

WELSH RIDERS IN GOOD FORM ON WEEKEND

WELSH riders were in good form last weekend.

At the South Hereford Point-To-Point, Charly Prichard notched-up her first win in nearly two years when winning the open maiden race on Jeanne Thomas' Stony Road, trained by Charly's father Ian who hails from the Vale.

Bradley Gibbs, who works for Aberthun National Hunt trainer Tim Vaughan, took the young horse maiden on My Coranna.

Meanwhile at the Quantock Stagbonds meeting, Welsh champion rider John Mathias won the club members' race on Harpsy Cord and Ogmores Nick Williams, who was riding at the East Devon meeting, scored on Good Grammar in the open maiden race.

EVAN'S WINNER EVAN DAVID, younger brother of

Tom David of Llanharan, landed the Richard Williams Memorial Hunter Chase at Taunton on Robert Luke's Chosen Milan who, at eight years old, was the youngest of the four runners who faced the starter.

Chosen Milan, an odds-on favourite, drew well clear of his three rivals to win by a whopping 44 lengths from Hinton Indiana. POINT-TO-POINT With the first of the two Currie & Langibby point-to-point fixtures abandoned last

weekend, this Saturday will see the start of the South Wales and Monmouthshire season with the Brecon & Talylont fixture at picturesque Llanfrynach.

Racing gets under way at 1pm with the members' race which should go to Champagne Benefit. Two prolific point-to-pointers expected to face the starter during the afternoon are David Llewellyn's Rosies Peacock and Beth Roberts' Chesnut Annie.

Rosies Peacock has been entered for the men's open race in which there are 10 entries and the winning horse here will qualify for the £7,500 Bonhams Mens Open Point-To-Point Championship

Final Hunter Chase to be held at Cheltenham on April 29.

The grey Silver Story and Tiger Rag are two others to consider. The riders of the first three past the post in the ladies' open race will score points for the Aga Lady Riders' Total Control Championship, and this race could be a duel between Chesnut Annie and Roger Willcox's Lauberhorn, a five times winner last season.

Get It On, a winner under Rules at Chepstow and Ffos Las when trained by Evan Williams, is an interesting entry. There are 15 entries for the confined and the best of these appear to be Lauberhorn's stable companion Patricktom Boru, The Old Pretender and Golan Way.

The maiden race has been divided and the ones to watch in division one are Earth Tremor, Kim's Quest and North George, while in division two Millys Delight, Ballet Marbles and Castleorace look the pick.

TIM'S 66-1 DOUBLE

Aberthun's Tim Vaughan, who has been having a lean time of late, bounced back with a 66-1 double at Southwell on Monday when he saddled Royal Django to win the Ladbrokes 'National Hunt' Novices' Hurdle and Tidestream to land the Ladbrokes Amateur Riders Handicap.

The former, a 5-1 chance, ridden by Richard Johnson, beat the odds-on favourite Toby Lerone by seven lengths and the latter, who was a 10-1 shot, partnered by Bradley Gibbs, who had been successful in a point-to-point race 24 hours earlier, beat the favourite Reyno by three-and-a-half lengths.

Vaughan is the leading trainer at Southwell having saddled 16 winners at the course during the last five years.

BRIAN LEE

Bowls open day

AS spring and summer are fast approaching, the Pontyclun Athletic Bowling Club are staging two open days at the Athletic Club.

These will be held on Sunday, April 19 and Sunday, April 26. Bowls is a family sport for both male and female participants, and all age groups are welcome. So do come along and join in the fun.

Bowls coaches and all equipment provided, together with refreshments after the sessions free of charge, so please join us if you can between 2pm and 6pm on either of the days.

BW

UNDER-16s SLIP UP IN MOUNTAIN ASH

COWBRIDGE under-16s lost narrowly to Mountain Ash on a heavy pitch by two tries to one.

The defeat was against the run of play and the home side dominated most aspects of play except at the breakdown, where the Valley side gained a number of crucial turnovers.

Cowbridge opened the scoring with an excellent try, with the ball travelling through a number of hands before centre Max Cunningham dived over near the posts; Ioan Lewis converted to give Cowbridge a 7-0 lead.

Good breaks by second row Harrison Stevens and prop Josh Evans almost brought Cowbridge a second try but good defence by Mountain Ash

kept their opponents at bay, and just before half-time they were rewarded with a well worked unconverted try to leave Cowbridge with a two point lead.

The second half remained a stalemate, with neither side dominating. With less than 10 minutes remaining both sides came close to scoring but it was Mountain Ash who scored the vital try and ended Cowbridge's three month undefeated home record.

Prominent in the backs were Osian John, playing out of position at outside half, Kyle May-Rees and Joe Nott and in the pack Joe Watts, Elis Simon and Sam Corkhill worked tirelessly throughout.

JP



SIX NATIONS RUGBY

FRANCE 13 : WALES 20



WALES TURN ON THE POWER AND STUN FRENCH,
THEN WARN THE GRAND SLAM-HUNTING IRISH...

We're not finished yet!



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ABOVE: Where the damage was done – the superb Welsh forwards, led by skipper Sam Warburton, laid the foundations for victory with an awesome display of power and control in both the tight and loose to which the bemused French had no answer.



ABOVE:

Livewire Welsh scrum half, Rhys Webb, breaks away and sets off on a typical run that resulted in a try wide out by Ospreys team mate Dan Biggar, who was slipped an adroit back pass by flanker Dan Lydiate.

“Strategy is the art of making use of time and space...”

*Napoleon Bonaparte,
1769-1821*

IN March 1815, the French Emperor, Napoleon Bonaparte, escaped to Paris from exile on Elba, in a fateful bid to regain the throne – which ended when the victor of countless battles across Europe ran out of time and space in a final set-piece showdown at Waterloo – with the outcome in doubt right to the end.

Almost exactly 200 years later, there was a sporting parallel in the Six Nations clash in Paris on Saturday, where a rugged forward onslaught stifled misfiring France up front, denying them the time and space to follow Napoleon's maxim (*what a great rugby coach he could have been!*) and unleash Gallic élan, in a gripping contest at Stade de France.

The Welsh camp rightly savoured a hard-fought 20-13 victory, the fourth in a row over France (something not seen since the 1950s); and Warren Gatland's first in Paris as Wales' head coach, that vindicated his judgment in making four changes to the team that won 26-23 in Scotland two weeks earlier.

More satisfyingly, it confirmed his squad's recovery from the shock 16-21 home defeat to England in the opening game of the tournament and put the Six Nations championship challenge firmly back on track – with Grand Slam-hunting Ireland's 19-9 victory over England on Sunday setting up a mouth-watering Celtic clash at the Millennium Stadium on March 14. What a battle royal that promises to be!

Little wonder that the normally restrained Kiwi has been fulsome in his praise: *“The boys were outstanding... The forwards were sensational in the maul, scrummage and lineout... Experience and composure got us*

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by Don John

over the line in the end,” he observed.

Welsh captain Sam Warburton added: *“The pack thought we had underperformed in the last few weeks... and wanted to put that right”.*

To a man, they certainly did that, taking the battle to the French from the outset, keeping the ball through 11 phases and forcing a penalty which the ever immaculate Leigh Halfpenny effortlessly lofted over inside five minutes.

With Jamie Roberts charging into the heart of the enemy lines, closely supported by co-centre Jonathan Davies, alarm bells rang loud in the French camp.

An early despatch from the replacements bench in the shape of burly Mathieu Basteraud stiffened up the midfield, as home outside half Camille Lopez levelled the score with a penalty and then failed with a second attempt from 47 metres that would have given his embattled side the lead against the run of play.

Halfpenny, in contrast, made no such mistake with his second penalty, to inch Wales into the lead at 6-3 – but the ever unpredictable French suddenly struck, rapier-like, crossing the line for a touchdown that was disallowed for a forward pass – and then a third home penalty award went astray.

The first half ended with Wales clinging to a three-point lead, but increasingly in command territorially and claiming 76 per cent of possession.

A change of kicker after the interval brought the home team no better luck, as scrum half Morgan Parra failed with a 45-yard penalty attempt – France reverting back to Lopez – who this time made no mistake when Wales were penalised in front of the posts, to level the score once more at 6-6.

Then came a ferocious drive by the Welsh pack, which was becoming increasingly dominant the more play went on, and Halfpenny calmly regained the lead with the inevitable penalty award.

The French cause was weakened further when Parra left the field and, with the Welsh set piece holding firm, the team's growing confidence was seen when prop Gethin Jenkins attempted a cheeky chip ahead into space, but the ball rolled into touch!

Then, outstanding Welsh outside half Dan Biggar attempted a speculative drop goal, only to see the ball rebound from the outside of an upright.

On the hour, Wales struck a decisive blow when lively scrum half Rhys Webb broke away with blindside flanker Dan Lydiate in close support, and Lydiate adroitly passed inside to Biggar, who raced over in the far corner for a try to widen the gap to 14-6.

Halfpenny for once missed the difficult touchline conversion, and when four minutes later he made amends with another immaculately-struck penalty, to make the score 17-6, Welsh fans in the crowd (as well as the thousands cheering the team on at home), began to breathe more easily.

However, the French were determined that this was not to be another ‘Waterloo sunset’ and mounted a desperate rally, a converted try by Brice Dulin bringing them to within four points of the visitors' total.

This was the signal for mass changes, bringing fresh legs from the Wales bench for the crucial 10 minutes remaining.

How many times had their team been in this position and how many times had they been denied at the death? These were the thoughts running through Welsh minds; but then – with Biggar off injured and replaced



The French were not just beaten on the ground, Wales challenged in the air, too.

by Rhys Priestland – Halfpenny stepped up to apply the *coup de grace*, his fifth penalty extending the margin to 20-13. There was time for one fruitless French flurry before the referee's whistle brought a momentous Welsh victory, that could even be surpassed at the Millennium Stadium in nine days time!

Ireland be warned – this rejuvenated Wales team is not finished yet – the Six Nations championship challenge is still very much on!